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One of the many child refugees which have just arrived in England from Germany. Looking woebegone, clinging to her doll, this tired little girl was photographed at Harwich on December 10. (Air Mail. Copyright.)

## Broadway Mansions Sold For 6 Millions

Shanghai, Yesterday. Probably forming one of the largest real estate deals in Shanghai history, the sale of Broadway Mansions, the 24-storey Shanghai skyscraper situated just to the north of Garden Bridge, to Japanese interests, has been reported from a usually reliable source.

Price of the transaction is \$6,000,000, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury."

Shares in the Shanghai Land Investment Company, owners of the property, showed a rise of some sixty cents on the Shanghai Stock Exchange this morning.

They were done as high as 10, compared with 9.40 yesterday.

Officials of the Shanghai Land Investment, approached to-day, were non-committal. — Reuter.

## COLONY SET UP BY REICH NEAR KISMAYU?

According to "Reynolds News," a German colony has been established near Kismayu, Italian Somaliland, says a London Cable. This territory known as Jubaland, was ceded to Italy by Great Britain in 1925.

Italy, the paper added, yielded this part of Africa to Germany a year ago. The Reich has already sent 3,000 colonists there, and this figure will be brought to 5,000 before next Spring.

According to the paper, Germany has two objects in view: to open a highway towards the interior, thus threatening Kenya, and to complete the construction of a naval base which she is building at a high cost at Ras Chimbone, a former lair for smugglers.

## ENGLAND OFF TO A GOOD START

England made a capital start in the First Test Match against South Africa, batting first and scoring 227 runs for the loss of two wickets at tea.

Paynter hit a magnificent century and P. A. Gibbs was 79 not out.

Details and, possibly, later scores will be found in Page 21.

## SHANGHAI MAY LIMIT ENTRY OF REFUGEES

Shanghai, Yesterday. The "Shanghai Times" reports that the Shanghai Municipal Council may have to take steps in order to limit the immigration of Jews into Shanghai and to keep the situation controlled.

The funds of charitable organisations are said to have been exhausted by assisting refugees of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, and are hardly sufficient to extend the field of assistance to European emigrants.

The Municipal Council feels that Shanghai is one of the last cities to take over the burden of the emigration problem, since the hostilities have badly affected Shanghai's economic absorption, and it is inconceivable that thousands of newcomers will get jobs. They would remain unemployed or usurp the positions of others.

In view of the pressing nature of the problem, the Council has requested the Consular Body to give it due consideration.

The Council is especially anxious since it is impossible to ascertain the exact numbers of refugees en route to Shanghai.

While the earlier minor influx of refugees has not caused anxiety, the expected arrival of

# BRITAIN CELEBRATES A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Country Blanketed By Two-Day Snowfall

## SUBURBIA'S DRABNESS TRANSFORMED

LONDON, YESTERDAY. MOST PARTS OF BRITAIN HAVE A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS-CARD APPEARANCE TO-DAY.

The trees and monuments along London's Embankment and Thames-side warehouses present a remarkable sight, unknown for many years.

All are capped with a two-day mild snowfall, which a slight rise in temperature to two degrees above freezing point has failed to melt away.

The drabness of many suburbs has been transformed by a thick white carpet, while the Home Counties and further afield are rich with an abundance of holly and mistletoe, presenting sights of unforgettable beauty.

The snow has played havoc with sporting fixtures, especially with Rugby.

In spite of precautions to ensure that pitches were playable, many grounds are covered with six inches of snow.

All listed Rugby matches have already been cancelled, with the exception of the game between Barnstaple and Devonport.

The weather this morning was milder, the temperature being 34 degrees compared with yesterday's 29.

Although it has turned much warmer, snow is still falling in many parts of the country.

RAILWAY LOSSES

Transport services, which had been disrupted in the past few days, are almost normal again, but it is estimated that the railway companies have lost £250,000 owing to the cold weather.

The Post Office is trying valiantly to deal with the Christmas rush of letters and parcels.

Some idea of their difficult task can be gauged by the fact that Christmas mail this year exceeded last year's by twenty per cent.

Shops in London were besieged to-day by anxious last-minute shoppers, while the railway stations were crowded with holiday-makers who are leaving the city. — Reuter.

## DEATH OF FRENCH AIR CHIEF

Paris, Yesterday. General Philippe Fiquant, of the French air force, died here to-day aged fifty-five.

Deceased had been Technical Inspector-General of the air force since last October. — Trans-Ocean.

further refugees seems to make emergency measures unavoidable.

During the past week over 500 Jews have arrived in Shanghai, while 200 more are expected to arrive before the year-end.

This would bring the total number to 1,200. Charitable organisations estimate that ninety per cent. must be maintained on relief. — Trans-Ocean.

## FLOODS CREATE ACUTE FRENCH DISTRESS

PARIS, YESTERDAY.

CONSIDERABLE SUFFERING HAS BEEN CAUSED IN NORTHERN FRANCE DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODS.

Unemployed are reported to have cut down telegraph and telephone poles, and to be using them for fuel.

The Trade Union Congress has been unable to send sufficient funds for relief, and the local authorities are assisting their efforts.

To-day 25,000 steel workers who have been idle owing to the cold weather, resumed work. — Reuter.

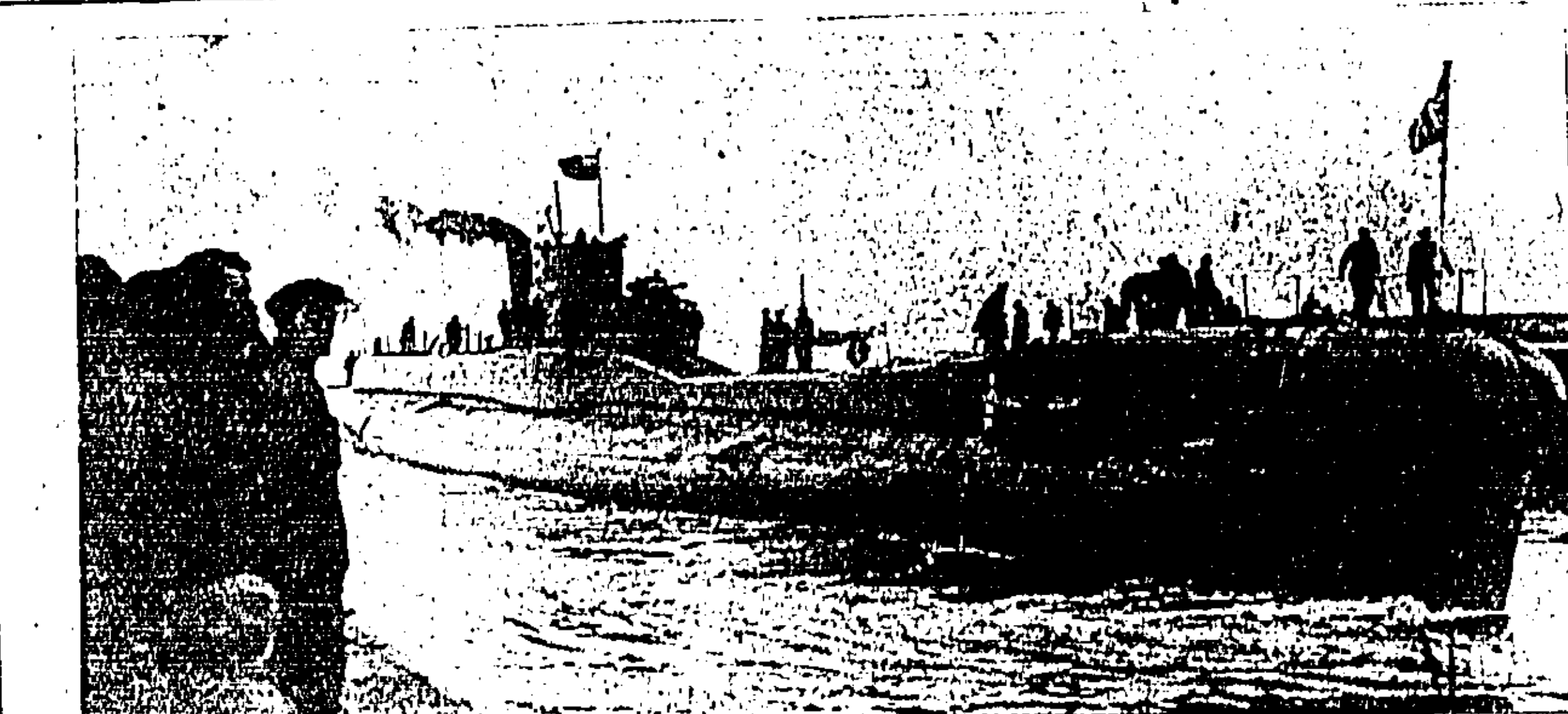
## U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET REASSEMBLED

New York, Yesterday.

The United States Navy Department announced to-day that the Atlantic Fleet will henceforth be permanently stationed in the Atlantic.

It consists of four battleships, eight cruisers, 28 destroyers and submarines and other war-craft.

For the past seven years no Atlantic fleet has been stationed in the Atlantic, but the Fleet was revived this year, and after the October crisis in Europe, the number of vessels was increased. — Reuter.



The new submarine, H.M.S. Trident, eighth to be launched from British yards this year, after running down the slipway at Birkenhead. She was named by Mrs. Railles, the wife of Rear-Admiral R. H. T. Railles.

## Wild Xmas Weather Down Under

Melbourne, Yesterday. Wild storms have been sweeping New South Wales as a prelude to the Christmas holiday.

Sydney experienced an electrical storm of phenomenal violence. Considerable damage was done and many houses were struck by lightning. No casualties are reported.

While this was raging, Urulalla district was smothered by a terrific duststorm.

The Post Office was demolished. The Protestant church was badly damaged and the hospital lost its roof.

The damage runs into thousands of pounds.

A big fire near Melbourne in a suburban power station, put entire area in darkness last night. It is hoped to restore the lighting system within a few days, however. — Trans-Ocean.

## ELECTORAL REFORM BILL IN FRANCE

Paris, Yesterday. It is learned that M. Daladier plans to introduce an electoral reform bill, providing for proportional representation, as soon as the Chamber reassembles.

Political circles anticipate that M. Daladier will call a general election as soon as the Bill has become law. — Trans-Ocean.

## POLISH PROTEST TO PRAGUE

Warsaw, Yesterday. Poland has protested to Czecho-Slovakia, declaring she cannot tolerate the conditions existing on the borders between the two countries.

Poland has also declared that she is not responsible for any action necessary to safeguard Polish nationals.

It is alleged that the Czechs have been expelling Polish citizens. — Reuter.

## WANG CHING WEI IN HONG KONG?

In connection with the departure from Chungking of Wang Ching-wei, Vice-Premier of China, it is learned from reliable Chinese sources that he left with the object of receiving medical treatment.

He is still suffering from the effects of the wounds received during the attempt on his life in 1935.

His present whereabouts are unknown although reports from a private source intimate that he has come to Hong Kong.

Reports to the effect that Wang Ching-wei is planning to make a visit to Europe are described as "premature."

## SHANGHAI AS JAPAN'S HOSTAGE

"At the present moment, Japan cannot concede the Yangtse navigation issue," says Mr. Chuzo Mitsuuchi, veteran Japanese statesman, in discussing the political and military situation in China, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

"If Japan should yield now," he continues, "the heavy sacrifices we have made so far would all be nullified."

"If Great Britain, the United States or France should retaliate with economic measures," Mr. Mitsuuchi points out, "Japan has only to strike at Shanghai, which to those Powers is a precious child."

"In this sense, Japan has a very powerful hostage to fall back on in time of need."

Mr. Mitsuuchi has, at various times, been Chief Secretary of the Home Ministry and Minister of Finance, Communications and Railways.

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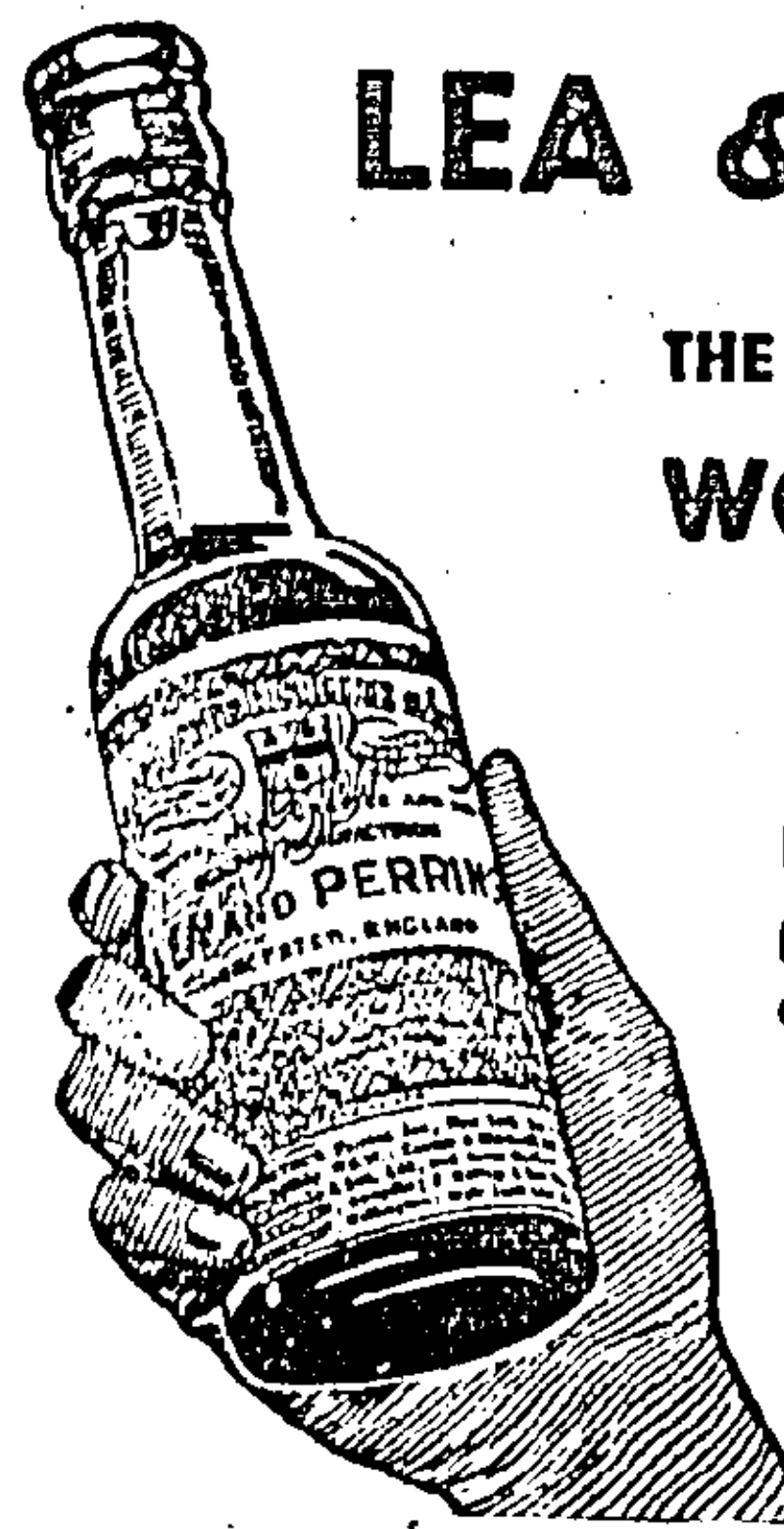
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A PARISIAN GIRL tells you how to—

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ONE frequently hears men-  
tion of the Parisian girl's  
"dress sense." But how seldom  
you hear of her colour sense.

Yet without a colour sense our  
dress would be nowhere. It  
checks that fantastic impulse  
that makes tall women and thin  
ones adore stripes, and short  
fat ones go in for checks.

If I may say so, I think we  
dress better than you, not be-  
cause we spend more money on  
our clothes, but because we take  
greater pains to choose them.

Too often you say "Black suits  
fair people, brunettes should  
wear brown," and so on.

many of your defects, stand in  
front of a mirror in a strong  
light, and put a piece of the  
colour chosen—as large a piece  
as possible—up against  
your chin, by the collar-bones,  
and on the face close to the eyes.  
In this way it is easy to see if  
that particular colour adds to  
or detracts from the depth of  
your eyes.

The necessity for this will be  
seen when it is mentioned that a  
colour under the eyes will have  
quite a different tone to the  
same colour on your hair above  
your eyes.

Now examine the effect closely  
all the time, and try the shade  
at different times of day, since a  
colour that may suit you when  
you look and feel fit may not do  
so when you are fatigued, and  
when your skin and eyes are cor-  
respondingly dulled.

Colours for night wear we  
choose in much the same way,  
but under artificial light, since a  
colour that may be a complete  
failure by daylight may be an  
instant success at night-time.

Too, we watch the colour of  
our complexions when choosing  
our clothes.

The clear, blue-white skins  
always appear at their best with  
clothes of rich, warm colours,  
such as royal and peacock blues,  
raspberry reds, beech browns,  
emerald and jade greens.

One the other hand, the girl  
whose skin is rather drab or pale  
or "muddy" will do well to avoid  
these colours and go in for soft,  
neutral tones—greys, fawns, soft  
blues, browns, with touches of  
bright shades.

Too, if your skin is florid, or  
if it is very brown, then you  
will find that the safest range  
lies in earthy browns, through  
all the varying tones of fawns.

There is still another respect  
in which we differ from you.

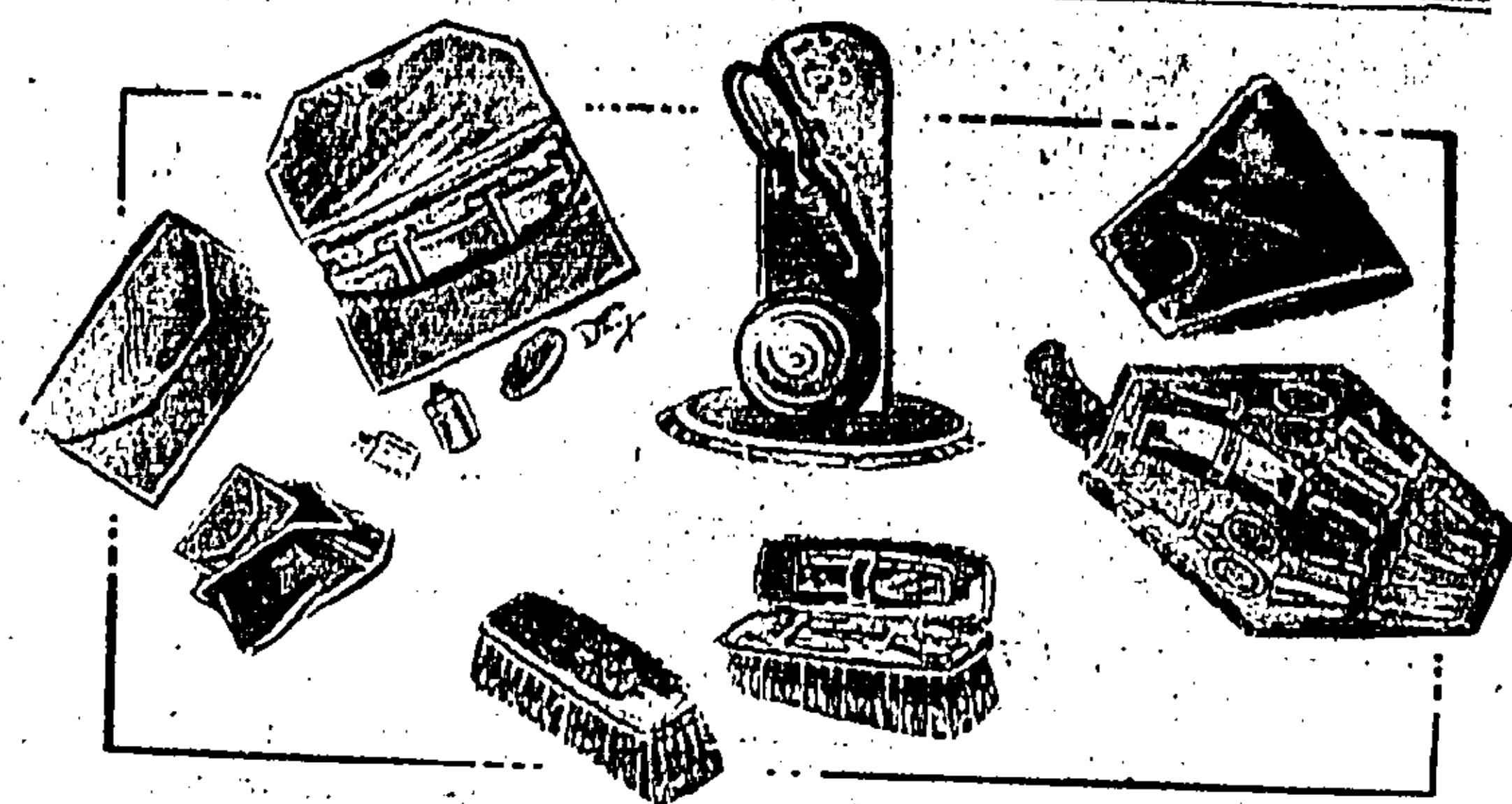
Often you adhere to the axiom  
"With hat to match!"

We don't, for the simple rea-  
son that a colour which suits one  
in a dress, say, jade green, may  
not suit one in a hat, as worn  
above or below the eyes alters  
all shades subtly.

Whatever the fashion, if the  
reigning hue is not ours—we  
avoid it.

To-day there is no woman or  
girl who cannot find some colour  
which sets off her charms better  
than anything else.

Develop your  
dress sense by  
all means. But be  
sure you have a  
colour sense—first.



## That Gift PROBLEM

Somebody's grey matter has  
been violently agitated to pro-  
duce "novelties" for New Year  
as well as Christmas shoppers.  
Some, one must admit, are fairly  
pointless with only their new-  
ness to recommend them. Others  
—the majority this year, so I  
think women must have been  
called upon to do the designing  
—are practical and charming.  
Take it out till it is as hard as  
the proverbial brick? If so, you

Are you one of those "early  
morning rush" people, who boil  
a breakfast egg while you hur-  
riedly dress and quite forget to  
will appreciate the egg-timer

sketched above, which rings a  
bell to jog your flurried memory  
when the egg is ready.  
And if you are one of those  
finicky souls who must have it  
boiled just so, well, you can get  
it to your fancy—three minutes,  
three and a half, four, and so on.

Then you know how nice it is  
to have your toilet accessories  
handy, yet how difficult to do so  
and keep your dressing table  
spruce enough to meet the eye  
of a visitor. Well, above you will  
see a graduated clothes brush,  
opened revealing manicure set  
very unobtrusive, but when  
and comb complete. It simply  
bristles with ideas (sorry, I  
really couldn't resist that one).

On the left of the picture an-  
other encouragement to the  
would-be methodical, a silk case  
for your handbag to hold bottles,  
powder compact, and the rest of  
your equipment. Can be had in  
white, brown, green, black and  
navy, with white rubber pockets  
—a clean idea, for, of course,  
they are washable. You can get  
a better one, same design, in  
suede.

Then you can open your bag

across in the knowledge that no  
over-candid friend can make re-  
marks about your travelling  
chemist's shop.

Last, on the right, is a mani-  
cure set in real leather, various  
colours, that folds up into the  
neatest of shapes.

A Merry Christmas and a Tidy  
New Year, thank you!

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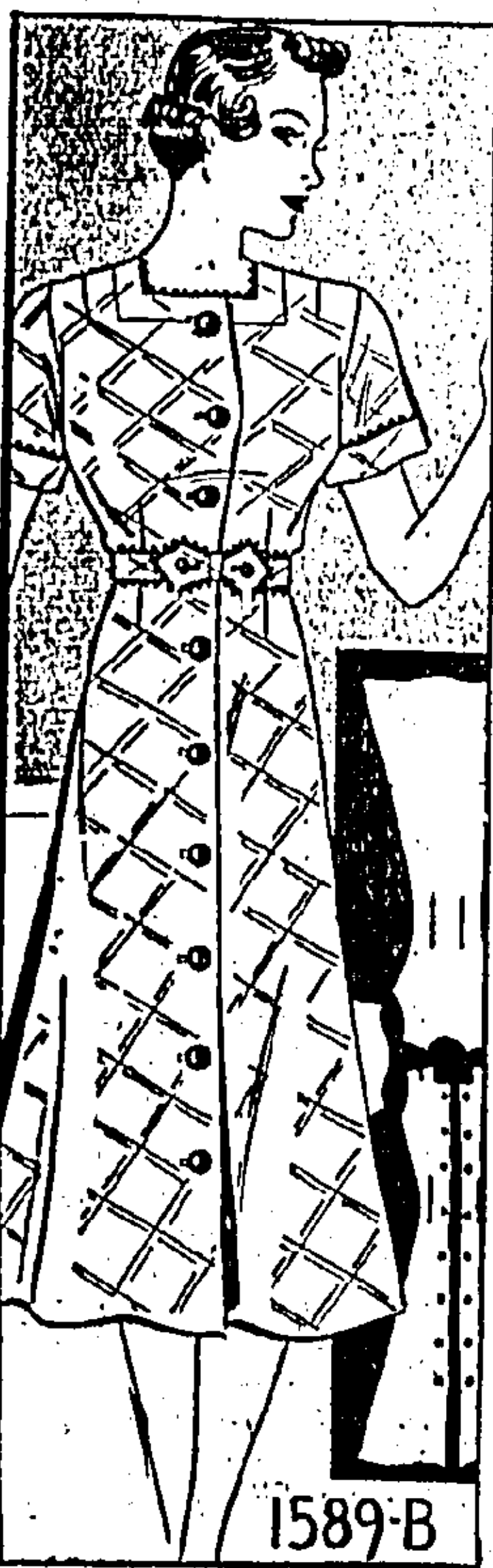
Winter may be a long time on  
the way, but make no mistake  
about it coming. So get ready to  
add plenty of hot, comforting  
soup to your menus.

Here is a first-class soup for  
the youngsters. Oatmeal Soup:  
To 2 pints stock add 3 tomatoes  
scalded, peeled and chopped, 1  
carrot cut into strips, 1 large  
potato sliced, 1/2-cup coarse  
Scotch oatmeal; season with salt  
and pepper. Boil for 1 1/2 hours.

If you want a change, try this  
sometime. Mushroom and Coco-  
nut Soup: Peel and chop 1/2-lb.  
mushrooms and 1 onion. Place in  
a saucepan with 2 tablespoons  
grated coconut, 1 pint water,  
1oz. butter, a generous dust of  
pepper and a little salt. Cook for  
20 minutes. Add 1 pint milk and  
cook another 20 minutes.

Or try Shrimp Soup some  
time: it's good. Clean and chop  
finely 1 onion, 1 carrot, 1 small  
turnip, a stick of celery. Place in  
a stewpan with a little butter  
and cook gently for 20 minutes,  
taking care not to burn. Add 1/2-  
pint picked shrimps, a slice of  
white bread cut into dice, and 2  
pints clear stock, or milk and  
water. Simmer 15 minutes. Add  
1 teaspoonful anchovy essence,  
the juice of half a lemon, and a  
little cayenne pepper. Boil 15  
minutes more and serve with  
fried croutons.

## THE CHARM OF FULLNESS AND A GIRDLED WAISTLINE



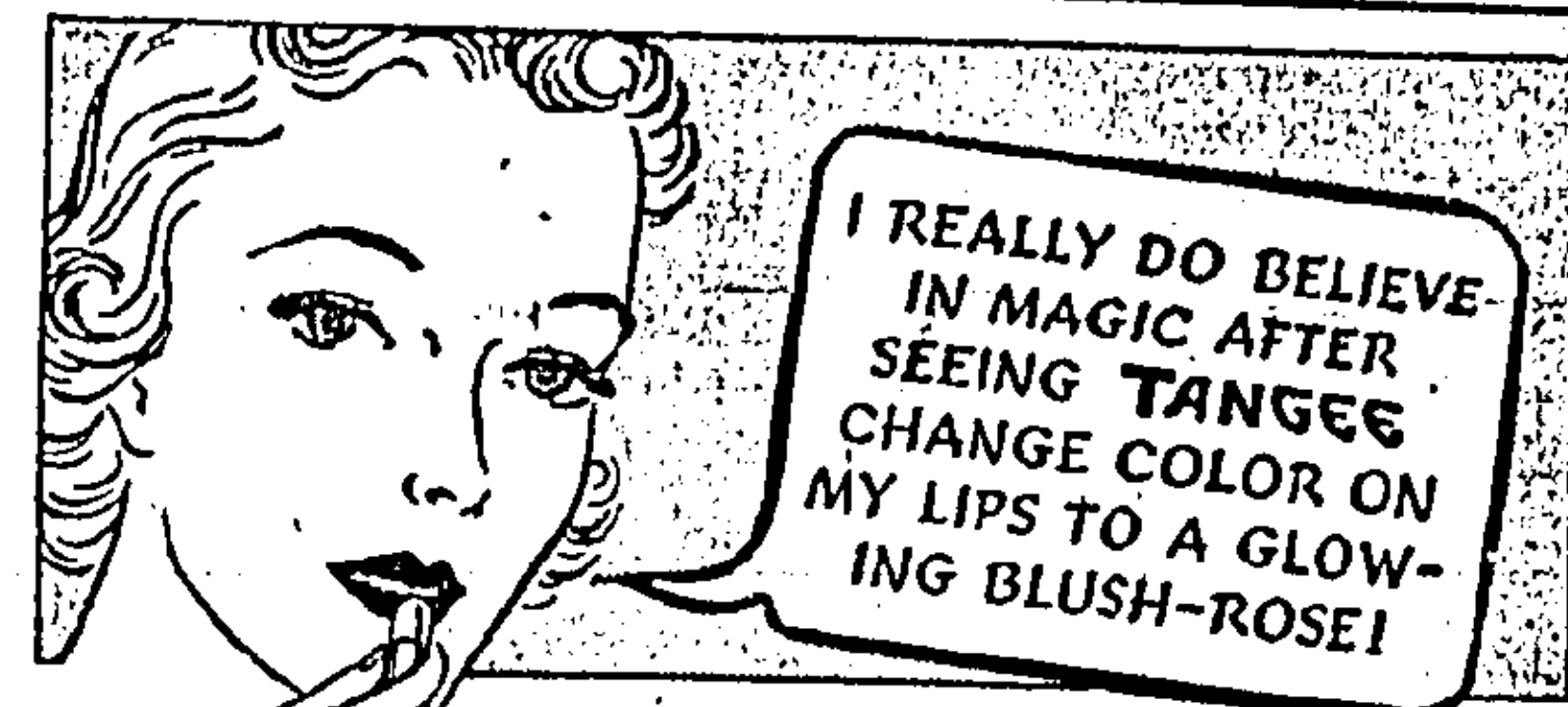
Be sure to make this dress in  
time for the many tea and luncheon  
dates you'll have around this  
season! It's so extremely smart,  
and has such potent power  
to flatter. With a plain yoke at  
the shoulders, a wide-girdle effect  
that makes your waist look doll-like,  
and gathered fullness over the  
bust, this dress gives a perfectly  
beautiful figure line. Notice how  
cleverly the sleeves carry out the  
rounded effect of the girdle, with  
their little tab effects.

Make this lovely design in silk  
crepe, velvet, thin wool or crepe-  
satin, and you'll have one of the  
smartest, most flattering, dresses  
of the season.

## A COMFORTABLE, SLIM-LINE HOUSE

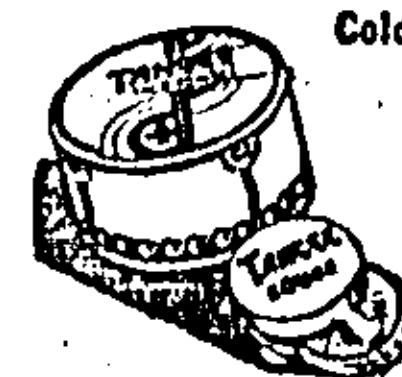
How glad you'll be to have this  
thoroughly practical house dress to  
put on the first thing of a busy  
morning! It buttons all down the  
front, which makes it easy to put  
on (as well as to iron). This  
design has ease just where you  
need it—at the waistline which  
is cleverly darted in and slightly  
bloused, and in the skirt, which is  
cut just wide enough to give plenty  
of freedom.

And because it's so simple and  
plain, this dress is slenderizing in  
effect, with a touch of braid to  
brighten it up. Choose percale,  
gingham or calico for this useful  
dress, and make a cold-weather  
version, too, of jersey or challis.



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CHANGE COLOR ON  
MY LIPS TO A GLOW-  
ING BLUSH-ROSE!

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to a blush-rose on your lips. This is the magic of Tangee's  
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cannot give you a "painted look"! Instead it gives a glow-  
ing youthful color most natural to you. Because Tangee  
has a special cream base, it keeps lips soft and appealing.



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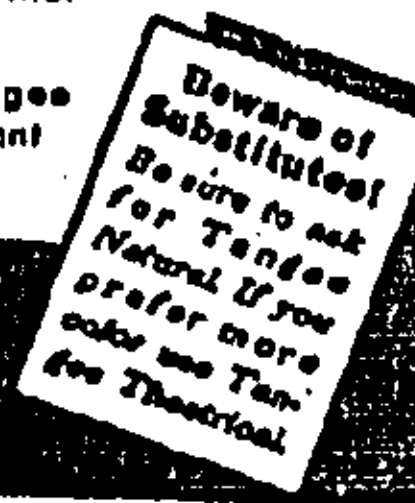
Tangee Face Powder brings a warm under-  
glow natural to your skin tones. Ends that  
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# Happy Thoughts

SOME Labour M.P.'s have been asking the Government to abolish the death penalty. It is curious to find people, at a time like this, of all times, making a fuss about the killing of an occasional homicide. It is like straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

Judging by what I see going on around me, I should have thought that if there was one single aim and object which the nations have in common, and one cause to which they are prepared to sacrifice all others, it is large-scale capital punishment.

Amid all this active preparation for giving and receiving sudden death, and this general agreement that the first duty of a citizen is to prepare for the execution of other citizens, one is inclined to ask:—

"What is the special value of a homicide that he should be singled out for special preservation?"

As far as I can interpret the rules which appear to govern our social order, the bulk of the human race may now be regarded as superfluous.

Observe, for example, the economic sphere. Each year finds productive capacity increasing and the need for human labour proportionately declining.

We cannot go on indefinitely with millions of useless people getting in the way of the economic system. And as we have not yet invented a way of estimating the value of a citizen except by his ability to make money for somebody else, we are forced to regard the majority of the population as redundant.

Unemployment is already regarded as a serious offence. Under the present penal code, an unemployed man is condemned to underfeeding, an uncomfortable house, and boots that let in water. Now, in these days of mechanised mass production, this punishment is becoming increasingly difficult to inflict.

Apart from the embarrassing glut of food, such is the recent advance in cheap and rapid methods of building construction that we have to strain our resources to the utmost to avoid giving everybody a new house.

And what with the cheapness of leather and the high productivity of modern boot-making plant, it is only by the exercise of the utmost ingenuity that we can refrain from continually providing the whole population with new boots.

It is only our very strong sense of the wickedness of being unemployed that urges us, at endless trouble and expense, to continue punishing these criminals by keeping them short.

In spite of our efforts, the problem is getting beyond us. Even our financial system, carefully devised for the express purpose of impeding the distribution of goods, shows signs of breaking down under the strain.

It would be much simpler to make unemployment a capital offence, and, by spraying the industrial areas with some painless weed-killer, remove the useless proletariat in bulk.

This suggestion, I know, conflicts with the current demand for a larger population. But this demand was dictated mainly by military considerations, and, as I recently pointed out, war is being replaced by the more effective method of economic competition.

A nation which dispensed with its human impedimenta and lets the machines do the work would have an enormous advantage over those whose economic systems are cluttered up with obsolete workers.

I know there are objections to the execution of criminals. There are statistics, for example, which show that in countries where capital punishment has been abolished the number of murders does not increase—much to the annoyance of news-editors.

But figures are seldom reliable. According to figures, a pound of grapes weighs as much as a pound of cold succ pudding; but you can feel a vast difference between the weights of the two on your chest after supper.

Another objection to execution is that you, do not know the effect on the executee. That is, the worst of killing a man in this Age of Doubt—you never know exactly what you've done.



—by YAFFLE

It seems to me dangerous to let a homicide wander off into some other sphere before we know whether he's changed his outlook. If anybody murders me I'd rather he didn't follow me to the other side immediately. His habit might be still on him.

Supposing he gets reincarnated and comes back to get his revenge on prosecuting counsel (barristers can be very annoying), or, if he arrives too late for that, on counsel's descendants? In the absence of further information, it would be safer to keep him alive until we know he has altered his views.

Capital punishment is apparently based on the assumption that killing is such a natural, easy and pleasant thing to do, that if it wasn't for the fear of execution the ordinary citizen would do it on the slightest provocation, or on no provocation at all, but simply because it was a fine day.

The idea is that whenever a man is about to commit a murder, he first pauses for a few moments calmly to consider, "Do I, after all, want to be hanged?"

And if, as is generally the case, he decides he does not, or that it would be dishonourable to get himself hanged before he has paid his income tax, he drops his weapons and gives his vis-a-vis an ordinary punch on the nose instead.

That is apparently the law's opinion of a citizen, and I have no exact proof to the contrary. It may be that since the public has shown such an insatiable demand for capital offences in its fiction, homicide is about to become one of the popular sports.

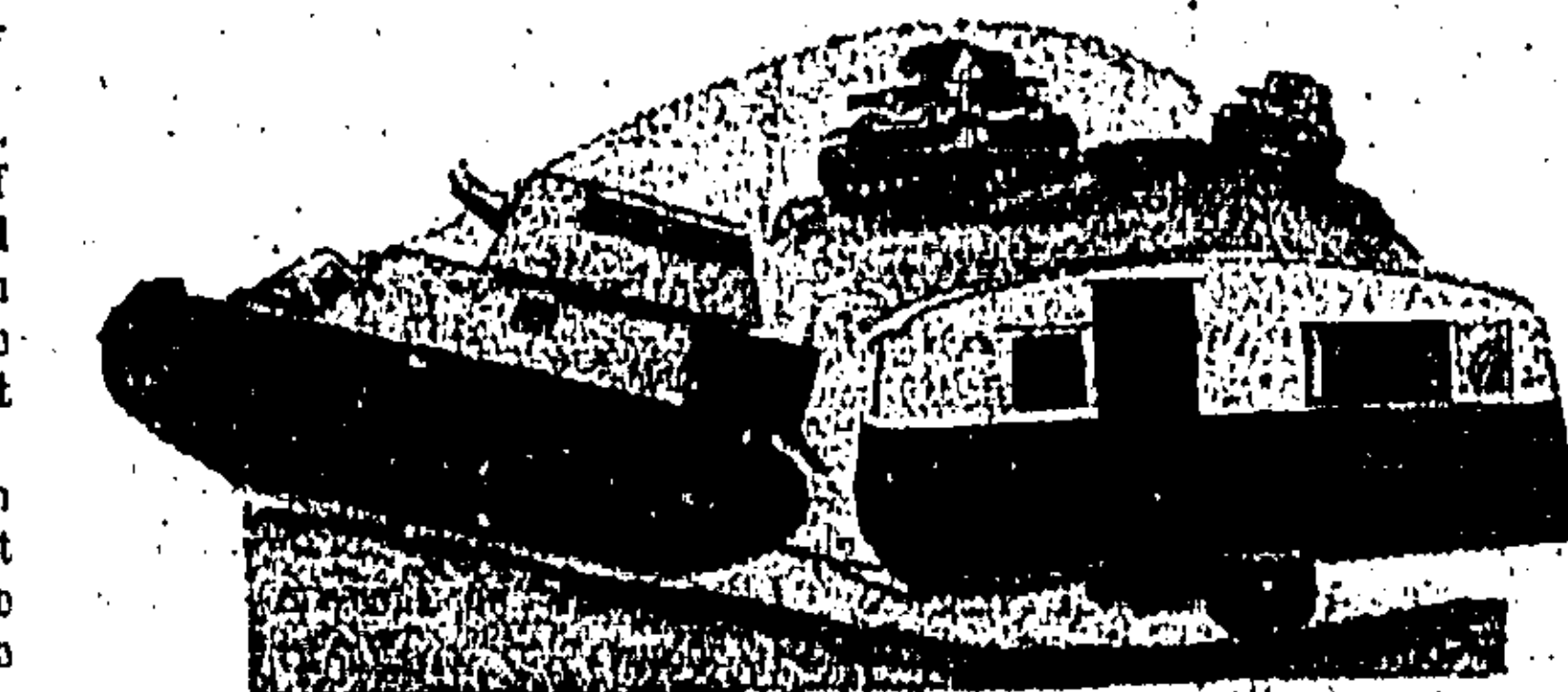
I don't know; the subject bristles with controversy.

I have read your article, Mr. Yaffle, and I still do not know whether you are in favour of abolishing capital punishment or not.



Labour M.P.'s kept the House of Commons up until the early hours of the morning discussing the Special Areas.

THE ADMIRAL: If they were gentlemen, sir, they'd go home to their own wives, and not worry how other people's wives live.



The Commanding Officer didn't like the fumes inside the tank.

Of course I am, sir, but I cannot say so here. If I were to pronounce against off-bumping as a means to social security, it might cause my readers to waver in their support of the rearmament programme.

A nature Notes column in a newspaper before me announces that "the Yaffle, or green woodpecker, is particularly fond of woodlice."

That may be so, but it is not the whole truth. This afternoon he appears to be busy with a pen-north of liquorice all-sorts.

If my friend and colleague on this page, the woodlouse-mauler, is correct, and war is to be replaced by brotherly love and the export trade, then salesmen will replace Generals in the annals of glory.

American industrial-psychology experts have discovered that fat men make the best salesmen. In selling contests, Fatness Wins.

Let Britain, therefore, look to her weight. Let her remember the words of Caesar, when he set out to conquer the Gallic market—"Let me have men around me that are fat, go-getters, and such as get the goods!"

"HALLO, vos dot Yaffle vot speaks mit me? Ja? Den I would speak mit der Snoop, Herr Peter Snoop, if you please. At once! Do not me der delay gif. "Who vos it? Vy, it vos me! Himmel, is it that you do not von Cliveden know?"

"Oh, it vos der Snoop himself. vos it? Vell, I a story haf for you. Ja. I to minself haf said I vill gif der story to der most demagogue page in chouralism.

"It vos dot I haf to choin applied to der National Council for Civil Liberties.

"I haf that there is no liberty in this gountry discovered. Der right of der individule vos nod. Democracy must at once matters take into it own hands. Ja. Hell, Hitler!

"It vos Ingredible to me. Der politz haf told me dot it vos verboten to put nuisances into concentration camps. It vos verboten to assist eine freund to fill in der ballot paper. It vos even verboten to kill eine Communist."

THE police chief of Goderich (Ontario) has just obtained permission to arrest anyone wearing a Hitler moustache. As a result, Goderich barbers had a busy day.

We suggest that a certain Hitler moustache should be left alone, but that the person wearing it should be gently shaved off.

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A CORRESPONDENT suggests that, in these days of sex-equality, the bride and bridegroom's name should be hyphenated on marriage. For instance, Mr. Jones and Miss Smith should become Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Jones.

Wait a minute! Wait a minute! Before you start another argument as to whether the bride's or groom's name should come before the hyphen, I suggest you consult one of my great-grandchildren, who married one of the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Jones.

How do I get in touch with him, Mr. Whatsit?

Just look him up in the telephone directory, under his name, Jim Whatsit-Montgomery-Mainwaring-Cholmondeley-de Vere-Fitzwilliam-Devereux-Sinclair-Smith-Brown-Robinson-Jones-Jackson-Smith-Jones-Smith.

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It is proposed that a home for Central European refugees should be established in Tanganyika.—News Item.

It is proposed that Tanganyika should be handed back to Germany.—Another news item.

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RECENTLY 'convicts at Parkhurst were shown a talking film. This was the first time many of them had seen one.

This is ominous news. I fear it may be followed by the installation of the radio in the cells. My last refuge will have gone. Go where you will, you cannot escape modern inventions.

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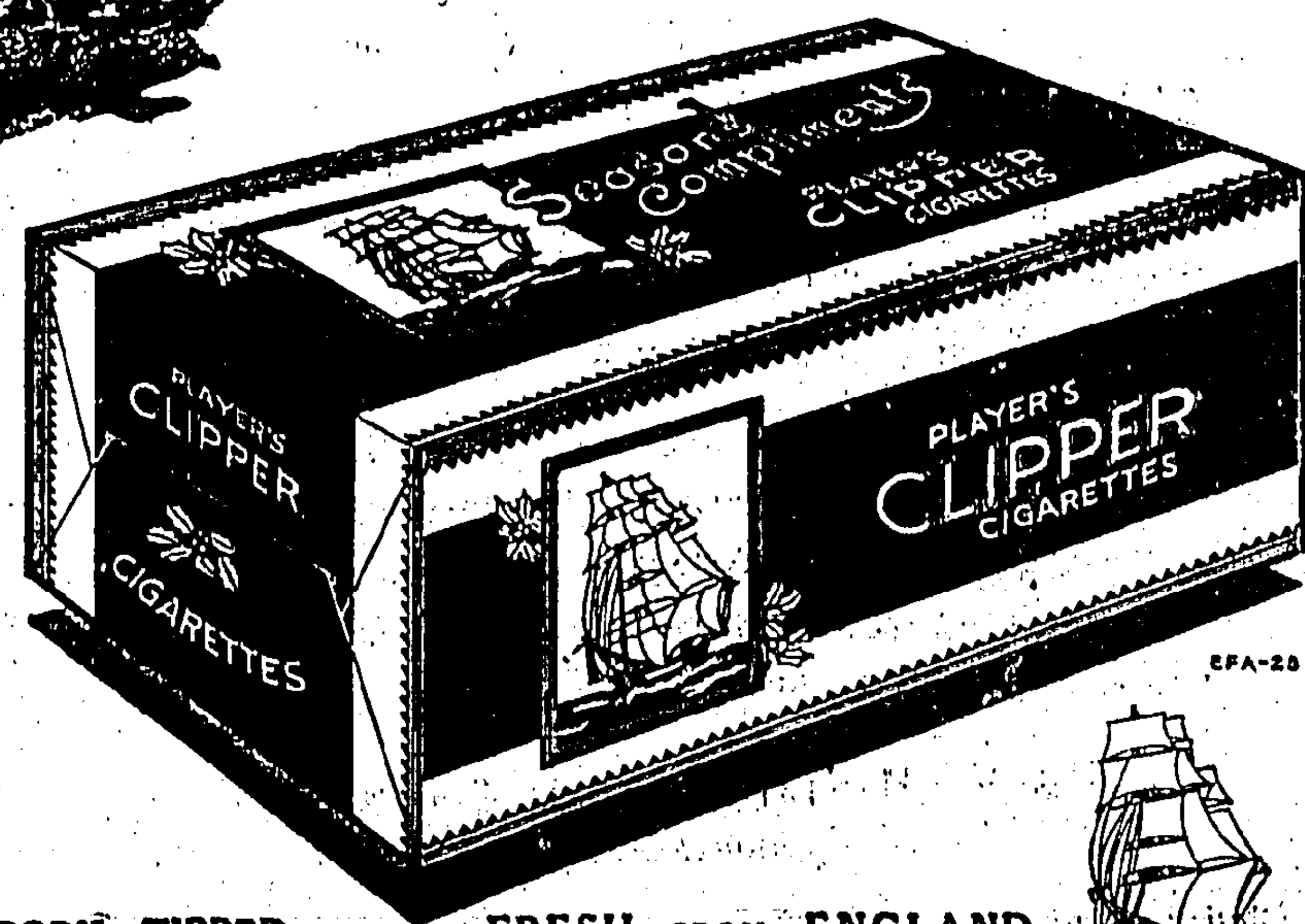
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## SEVEREST FIGHTING OF CIVIL WAR IN NEW INSURGENT OFFENSIVE

London, Yesterday.

Some of the severest fighting of the Spanish civil war is now raging on the Segres front, according to the correspondents of London newspapers.

The reports indicate that the sudden onslaught of the Franco forces, after an artillery bombardment unprecedented in the campaign, enabled important initial gains to be made.

The Republican troops, however, have fallen back to prepared positions and are holding their ground.

On the Madrid front, the Government forces blew an immense mine under the insurgent trench system in University City and the deathroll is believed to be exceedingly heavy.

Barcelona, Yesterday.

A big-scale offensive has been started on the Catalan front by General Franco's forces, says a war bulletin issued by the Republican Defence Ministry.

The onslaught, which was preceded by an artillery bombardment surpassing in intensity anything so far experienced in the Spanish Civil War, was repulsed.

It is admitted, however, that the battle is still going on.

A lively artillery duel occurred on the Madrid front just prior to the beginning of the Nationalist offensive on the Segre.—Trans-Ocean.

Although the weather is extremely cold, there is exceptionally good visibility, and this has greatly helped operations. Arrangements have been made by Nationalist wireless stations to broadcast special Christmas messages to the population of Republican Spain and to Republican soldiers at the front. — Trans-Ocean.

## HORE-BELISHA IN PARIS

Paris, Yesterday.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British Secretary for War, who arrived in Paris last evening, informed newspaper correspondents that he is spending his Yuletide holiday at Hohwald, near Strassburg.

Judging from London reports to the effect that Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, will go to Geneva on January 15 immediately following his visit to Rome, it would now appear that the British Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary have abandoned their plan of visiting Paris on their way back from Rome. — Trans-Ocean.

## PAN-AMERICAN DECLARATION

Lima, Yesterday.

The Pan-American Conference, ending with a plenary session to-day, is expected to carry by a show of hands the continental "solidarity" declaration.

It now appears that there was a last-minute hitch regarding final wording of the declaration.

It is stated that Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay have now given assent to the declaration, text of which is still awaited. — Reuters.

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## Girl Sets Dress Afire

Bucharest, Yesterday.

A young lady, Jeanne Lahovary, niece of a well-known politician, was almost burned to death here last night when she lit her cigarette and accidentally set her dress aflame.

Rescuers rushed to her aid and put out the blaze, but she was nevertheless seriously injured and suffered grave burns.

Her escort, Colonel Vulturescu, apparently overwhelmed by the accident, committed suicide shortly after upon returning to his home.

## VATICAN AND BARCELONA

Barcelona, Yesterday.

Monsignor Rial, who has been appointed by the Vatican to exercise local jurisdiction over parts of Republican Spain, has arrived in Barcelona from Rome. — Trans-Ocean.

## GERMANY'S SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS

Berlin, Yesterday.

Engineering courses in Germany are being shortened from four to three years.

It is understood this is due to the shortage of engineers owing to introduction of compulsory labour service and conscription.

Medical courses are also to be shortened, the reason being in some cases the elimination of Jewish doctors from the profession.

Nine hundred Austrian Jews have been released from concentration camps. It is understood that they agreed before release to leave the country within eight weeks. — Reuter.

## IRUN ESPIONAGE DISCLOSURE

London, Yesterday.

Further particulars about the Irun espionage affair are given in a despatch to the "Daily Mail" from its special correspondent in St. Jean de Luz, who claims to have obtained information from Franco quarters.

According to this account, National Spanish officials who examined the British Vice-Consul's bag, discovered not only precise details concerning the movement of National Spanish troops but also important letters and a sum of money sent by a Spanish woman to her husband who is living in France.

The woman has in the meantime been arrested.

The parcel had been smuggled into the Consulate in San Sebastian by the Janitor who has been missing for twenty-four hours.

It is not known whether he has been shot or whether he has committed suicide. — Trans-Ocean.

Shortly after 9 p.m. last night, four robbers, armed with revolvers, entered No. 32, Ying Chow Street, the residence of a woolfram ore dealer and, after threatening the occupants, decamped with \$440 in notes.

## HAMPERS FOR THE POOR

London, Yesterday.

Poor folk in many parts of Great Britain were among 4,000 recipients of Royal gifts this Christmas.

They have received tons of coal, hampers of food and bundles of clothing, for every member of the Royal Family is eminently practical in choosing presents.

The Royal shopping list for Christmas was probably the biggest in the world, yet every one of the 4,000 presents was chosen with care and thought for the likes or requirements of the recipient.

## COL. BECK'S "MYSTERY" HOLIDAY

London, Yesterday.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, arrived last night at Monte Carlo, where he will spend the Christmas holidays before going to the south of France.

The English morning press attributes mysterious political importance to this journey in connection with the Ukrainian Home Rule demands and the development of nationalism in East Europe.

The "Daily Express" believes that Colonel Beck, either in Paris or at the Riviera, will meet the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, to ask him what France would do in case Germany in the Spring of 1939 should attempt creation of a political independent Ukraine.

The same paper alleges that this morning's session of the French Cabinet was also connected with the Ukraine question. — Trans-Ocean.

## AMERICAN ATLANTIC MANOEUVRES

One hundred and forty warships and 600 planes will take part in the American naval manoeuvres to be held off the Atlantic Coast early in January, the Navy Department revealed yesterday.

The theme of the manoeuvres will be the following: the "Black" fleet under Vice-Admiral Andrews must prevent the "White" fleet under the command of Admiral Kaulfus from effecting a landing aimed at creating a base for attack.

The operations will be conducted at night with the participation of seaplanes and submarines. Thirty thousand men, and 3,000 officers will participate. The two "enemy" fleets will meet after the manoeuvres in the Guantanamo region to effect tactical drill and gunnery practice. They will later proceed to New York to take part in the World Fair festivities.

## LITHUANIA AND MEMEL

London, Yesterday.

The statement made by the Lithuanian Premier, M. Mironas, in the Lithuanian Parliament that Lithuania is willing to consider Germany's claims in Memel and to fulfil German wishes, has caused attention of British politicians to be centred again on the Memel question.

It is generally expected that negotiations between Germany and Lithuania will soon begin.

London seems to be ready to consent in principle to the new regulation of the Memel Statute. The morning papers say that Lithuania is "giving in" to Germany. — Trans-Ocean.

## PRESS WAR WAXES FAST AND FURIOUS

Berlin, Yesterday.

Germany continues on Christmas Eve to express in sharply-worded newspaper articles, its indignation at the action of American statesmen in "libelling" the present system of government in the Reich and its leaders.

The "Voelkische Beobachter," apart from a leading article in which New York is described as "the capital of world Jewry," protests against the allegations in the United States to the effect that German newspapers were first to start these attacks.

Summing up the position under five heads, it alleges:

The German press has scrupulously observed Hitler's dictum to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, and down to the year 1938 had been at pains to utter nothing derogatory about the leaders of American opinion.

NO REASON FOR QUARTER. There was and is no justifiable reason for quarrel between Germany and the United States.

The American press has become more and more "the mouthpiece of the Jewish Bolshevik campaign against the authoritarian states of Europe."

American statesmen, including President Roosevelt, have in an increasing degree, assumed tutelage over Europe, and have openly agitated against the policy of their democratic colleagues of London and Paris.

The Cleveland speech of Mr. Ickes amounts to a public reproach of the head of the German State.

"These are naked facts," concludes the Nazi organ, "which have forced the German press to abandon its former restraint and to call things by their true names." — Trans-Ocean.

## WAY TO WAR

New York, Yesterday.

The "World Telegram" in an article headlined "On the way to war," suggests that Washington should found a "Muzzle Club," with the Secretary of Interior, Mr. Ickes and Senator Pittman as presidents.

According to the paper, the world burns on all corners and there is no need for the United States to pour oil into the flames.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" commenting on "German's exhibition of bad temper," says that the Nazi press has for years indulged in gutter-snipe manners and displayed an amazing sensitivity to remarks about themselves.

SO THERE

The "New York Times" says that if the German press did not attempt to criticise American ways, if the German press found anything that was good in the American way of doing things, the American people would begin to feel that there was something deeply wrong with them.

The "Baltimore Sun" states that President Roosevelt must be held responsible for the attack made by Mr. Ickes on a friendly nation.

Neither President Roosevelt nor Mr. Ickes should forget that they are not private citizens and that such occurrences tend to give to American foreign policy a hysterical line.

The paper says that America might get into a situation she wants to avoid. — Trans-Ocean.

## RAISED TO EMBASSY

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States Legation in Venezuela has been raised to Embassy, and Venezuela will take the same step in Washington.

It is officially stated in Washington that thus the friendship existing between the U.S.A. and Venezuela for 133 years has been made firmer still.

First United States Ambassador to Venezuela is to be Mr. Frank Corrigan, now Minister to Panama. — Trans-Ocean.

## POPE RECEIVES COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Rome, Yesterday.

His Holiness the Pope to-day addressed the College of Cardinals, who visited him to convey Christmas greetings.

It is understood that the speech referred to the alleged violation of the Concordat of 1929 signed between the Holy See and the Italian Government.

It is also stated that the Pope criticised the Nazi regime. — Reuter.

The doyen of the Sacred College, the Venerable Bishop of Albano, Cardinal Granito, who acted as spokesman, recalled the self-sacrificing activity displayed by the Pope during the past year despite weak health, says Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE HELD ON YELLOW RIVER

Chungking, Yesterday.

Attempts by the Japanese to cross the Yellow River at Tung-kwan were unsuccessful, according to a report from north China.

Military activity is reported east of Chengchow, and the Japanese appear to be making a bid to occupy Chengchow. — Our Own Correspondent.

## LONDON SILVER MARKET

London, Yesterday.

London silver prices to-day were down 1/16 for Spot and up 1/16 for Forward as follows:—

|         | Dec. 23 | Dec. 24  |
|---------|---------|----------|
| Spot    | 20-1/4  | 20-3/16  |
| Forward | 19-5/8  | 19-11/16 |

—Our Own Correspondent.



# RUSO-JAPANESE CLASH OVER FISHING RIGHTS

## Breakdown After Further Tokyo Approach

### Mystery Calling Off Of Peiping Parley

Peiping, Yesterday.

The third conference of the "United Commission" of the Nanking and Peiping pro-Japanese Governments could not be held because "due to the heavy snow-fall in North China, an aeroplane bearing Nanking delegates was forced down."

It was decided that instead of continuing in Peiping, the delegation would return to Nanking and the event would be postponed until January 10.

#### NOT ALONE

Political circles here are inclined to believe that the weather alone was not instrumental in bringing about the postponement and intimate that the declaration by the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, was a more important factor.

It is stated that the Nanking and Peiping Governments wish to gain time through postponement so that the statements of the Premier can be carefully considered.

The declaration was characterized as "one of the most important pronouncements since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities."—Trans-Ocean.

### PRAGUE TO END COMMUNIST PARTY

Prague, Yesterday.

It is officially confirmed that the Czechoslovak Cabinet decided at its last session before Christmas to dissolve the Communist Party throughout Czechoslovakia. Some 30 Deputies and 16 Senators will thus lose their Mandates.—Trans-Ocean.

### MASS TO BE BROADCAST

At the Catholic Cathedral today, the Mass at 10 a.m. with sermon in Chinese, will be broadcast.

The music will be supplied by a special choir from the Regional Seminary, Aberdeen, and the traditional *Adeste Fideles* will be sung by the Rev. Joseph O'Mara, S.J.



A happy snap of His Excellency the Governor, at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday when he attended the Marton-Dodwell wedding. Sir Geoffrey is spending the Christmas holiday at Fanning.

### CZECHS TO SET HUNGARIAN PRISONERS FREE

Budapest, Yesterday.

Roughly 1000 Hungarian political prisoners will be released from Czechoslovakian goals within the next few days.

Negotiations for their release have been going on for some time between the Hungarian and the Czechoslovak Governments.

It will be recalled that the new Hungarian Foreign Minister stressed in his first press statement that good relations between Hungary and Czechoslovakia are impossible as long as Hungarian political prisoners were detained.

Political quarters in Hungary therefore regard the release to be the first step towards establishment of normal relations between Hungary and Czechoslovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

S. M. Pearce, Royal Engineers, residing at No. 9, Gap Road, has reported the loss of a quantity of clothing, valued at \$67.

Driver Osborne, of the R.A.S.C., who was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. Kato, of the Wanchai Beer Hall on Friday, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

### Strategical Needs Argued By Soviet

Moscow, Yesterday.

Russo-Japanese negotiations over the fishery convention seems to have reached a definite stage. The new conference between the Japanese Ambassador and M. Litvinoff led to no agreement.

Mr. Togo defined again the standing of his Government, according to which a provisional fishery convention could be made only on the basis of the status quo, but M. Litvinoff declared this proposal to be unacceptable.

It is feared that the breakdown will lead to a serious Russo-Japanese crisis in the Spring when the auctions are due.

The Soviet proposal, is that all fishing grounds shall be auctioned off anew during the coming year on unspecified conditions.

It is also proposed that forty fishing grounds be completely closed.

Rejecting this proposal, the Ambassador, Mr. Togo, stated that it was contrary to the code of international law for the Soviet Government to attempt to make an extension of the fishery convention dependent on conditions that would alter the entire situation.

In order to prove its goodwill, the Japanese Government was willing to make counterproposals. If the Soviet Government would concede to Japan forty fishing grounds from those previously worked by Soviet fishers to replace the forty to be closed, the Japanese Government would accept this exchange. A new auctioning off of all fishing grounds formerly worked by Japanese fishers could not, however, be accepted by the Japanese Government.

#### SOVIET'S REASON

In reply, M. Litvinoff stated that the Soviet Government desired the forty grounds to be closed for strategical reasons and, except in the case of three sections, he could make no exceptions. Nor could more than seven grounds come into question for exchange.

The Japanese Ambassador pointed out that this would practically confine Japanese fishing companies to the Japanese Sea and would constitute a violation of the terms of the Portsmouth Agreement.

The conference which is the tenth since the beginning of the negotiations six weeks ago terminated without the slightest progress.—Trans-Ocean.

### CHOLERA VACCINE FOR CHINA

Mrs. Ludmila Micochova, M.D., of the National Institute of Health in Prague, has just completed the preparation of anti-choleraic bacterium for the "Help the Civilian War Victims in the Far East Committee."

Her generous offer to do so was accepted by the Committee and Mrs. Micochova, risking health and life, prepared all supplies. The danger to life, which Mrs. Micochova underwent, must be emphasized, for, though she immunized herself—which procedure, however, often fails to prevent infection, as is well known during her work developed serious symptoms of the disease, lasting a whole week.

This serum is now on the way to China—to be used through the Chinese Red-Cross Society in the stricken areas.

### BUOY ADRIFT

Captain Reeder, R.A.S.C., has reported that a Service Corps Buoy has drifted from the camber and has been lost.

Rome, Yesterday.

On arrival from his visit to Budapest, the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, reported briefly to Mussolini on the results of his journey.—Trans-Ocean.

### BECK-BONNET MEETING RUMOURS

Paris, Yesterday.

In connection with the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck's Christmas vacation on the French Riviera, rumours are circulating of a possible meeting between him and the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet.

Informed quarters here deny knowledge of such a project and the Polish Embassy points out that Colonel Beck has for the past four or five years travelled to the Riviera for Christmas by the direct route from Warsaw via Vienna.

French political circles maintain utmost reserve regarding the alleged meeting.—Trans-Ocean.

### GEN. GOERING'S XMAS REMINDER

Berlin, Yesterday.

Field Marshal Goering, speaking at the Christmas festival organized for the children of working class families in the northern and eastern districts of Berlin, said that as young as the children might be, they should never forget the significance of 1938 Christmas when, for the first time, hitherto oppressed Germans beyond the borders were able to celebrate the traditional festival with their kinsfolk in a strong united Reich.—Trans-Ocean.



This seems to be a very serious business. Children at the R.D.C. kiddie-party.

### JAPANESE TIGHTEN TIENTSIN RESTRICTIONS

Shanghai, Yesterday.

According to reports from Tientsin, the Japanese military authorities in Tientsin continue to tighten restrictions against the French and British concessions.

All approaches, with a few exceptions into the foreign areas have been barricaded with strong barbed-wire entanglements.

The remaining roads are closed to traffic from 10 p.m. onwards with foreigners only allowed to pass on showing passports or passes issued by the Japanese military authorities.

All tramways and motorcars are required to halt outside the areas for inspection.

These and other restrictions are due, it is claimed, to the alleged presence of anti-Japanese elements in the British and French Concessions in Tientsin. Similar restrictions are being enforced against the French Concession in Hankow for alleged similar reasons.—Trans-Ocean.



Mr. and Mrs. O. E. C. Marton after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral. The bride is the daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

### ULSTER'S LOYALTY TO EMPIRE

London, Yesterday.

The Northern Ireland Parliament adjourned yesterday until March 7.

In a message to the people of Ulster, Lord Craigavon, the Premier, says: "Whatever the future may hold in store, we are determined as ever to stand loyally by Great Britain and the Empire, and to meet demands made upon us for defence of the realm."—British Wireless.

### THE JOY-RIDING SEASON

Motorist "revellers" during the Christmas festivities will assist the Traffic Department greatly if they see that their cars are properly locked and keys taken away before parking their cars in any public parks or streets. This, it is pointed out, is a season of joy-riding.

### PUMP STOLEN

Dr. Coxon To, of No. 196, Sassoon Road, has reported the loss of a motor water pump and 300 feet of electric wire valued at \$300 from the hillside near his house.

### AMBASSADOR'S RETURN

Paris, Yesterday.

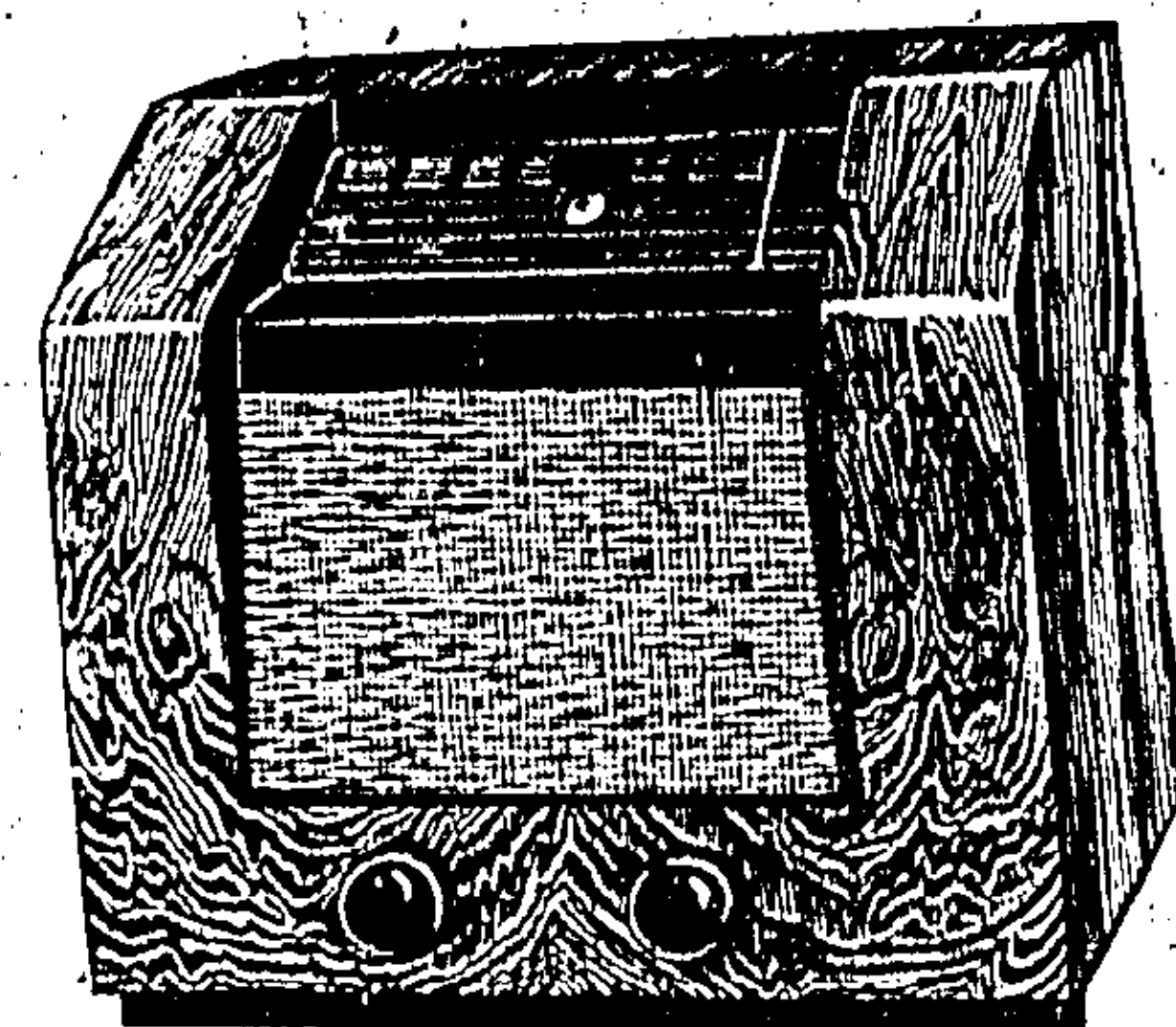
The German Ambassador, Count Welczek, has returned to Paris after nearly a fortnight's absence in Germany on leave during which he took the opportunity of discussing current political topics with the Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop.—Trans-Ocean.

Rifleman Gopal Singh, of the Officers' Mess, Cameron Road, was bitten by a dog belonging to Lieut. Holmes and admitted to the Military Hospital, Kowloon. The dog was sent to Mataukok for observation.

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## TO-DAY'S SERVICES

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Subject: "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."

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a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednes-  
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open on

Monday To Friday Inclusive

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3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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ing Room.

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attend the Services and to visit the  
Reading Room.

Full Text Of Konoye Peace  
Offer Demands On China  
Uncompromisingly  
Rejected By  
Chinese Leader

The full text of Prince Konoye's declaration on  
Japanese China policy, appended, reveals  
the aptness of the charge that the demands  
made of China consist merely of the 21 De-  
mands in a new dress.

The "terms" have been uncompromisingly re-  
jected by a prominent National Govern-  
ment spokesman.

Prince Konoye, in his out-  
line, said:

"The Japanese Government are  
resolved as has been clearly set  
forth in their two previous state-  
ments issued this year to carry  
on military operations for the  
complete extermination of the  
anti-Japanese Kuomintang Gov-  
ernment and, at the same time, to  
proceed with the work of es-  
tablishing a new order in East  
Asia together with those far-  
sighted Chinese who share in our  
ideals and aspirations.

"The spirit of Renaissance is  
now sweeping over all parts of  
China and enthusiasm for recon-  
struction is mounting ever high-  
er.

"The Japanese Government de-  
sire to make public their basic po-  
licy for adjusting the relations  
between Japan and China in  
order that their intentions  
may be thoroughly understood at  
home and abroad.

## "COMMON AIM"

"Japan, China and Manchoukuo  
will be united by the common aim  
of establishing a new order in  
East Asia and of realizing a re-  
lationship of neighbourly amity and  
common defence against com-  
munist and economic co-operation.

"For that purpose it is neces-  
sary, first of all, that China  
should cast aside all narrow and  
prejudiced views belonging to the  
past and do away with the folly  
of anti-Japanism and resentment  
regarding Manchoukuo. In other  
words Japan frankly desires  
China to enter of her own will  
into complete diplomatic relations  
with Manchoukuo.

## RIGHT TO STATION TROOPS

"The existence of Comintern in-  
fluence in East Asia can not be  
tolerated. Japan therefore consid-  
ers it an essential condition of  
the adjustment of Sino-Japanese  
relations that there should be con-  
cluded an Anti-Comintern Agree-  
ment between the two countries in  
consonance with the spirit of the  
Anti-Comintern Agreement be-  
tween Japan, Germany and Italy;

and in order to ensure the full ac-  
complishment of her purpose, Ja-  
pan demands, in view of the actual  
circumstances prevailing in  
China, that Japanese troops be  
stationed as an anti-Communist  
measure at specified points during  
the time the said agreement is in  
force and, also that the Inner  
Mongolian region be designated  
as special anti-Communist area.

"As regards economic rela-  
tions between the two coun-  
tries, Japan does not intend  
to exercise economic monopoly  
in China nor does she intend to  
demand of China to limit in-  
terests of those third powers  
who grasp the meaning of new  
East Asia and are willing to  
act accordingly.

## FREEDOM FOR JAPANESE

"Japan only seeks to render ef-  
fective co-operation and collabora-  
tion between the two countries;  
that is to say, Japan demands that  
China, in accordance with the prin-  
ciple of equality between the two  
countries, should recognise free-

dom of residence and trade on the  
part of Japanese subjects in the  
interior of China with a view to  
promoting the economic interests  
of both peoples and that in the  
light of the historical and econ-  
omic relations between the two na-  
tions, China should extend to Ja-  
pan facilities for the development  
of China's natural resources  
especially in the regions of North  
China and Inner Mongolia.

"The above gives the general  
lines of what Japan demands of  
China.

## MINIMUM GUARANTEE

"If the true object of Japan in  
conducting the present vast mili-  
tary campaign be fully under-  
stood it will be plain that what  
she seeks is neither territory nor  
indemnity for the costs of military  
operations.

"Japan demands on the mini-  
mum guarantee needed for the  
execution by China of her func-  
tion as a participant in the  
establishment of a new order.

"Japan not only respects the  
sovereignty of China but she is  
prepared to give positive con-  
sideration to questions of the  
abolition of extra-territoriality and  
of the rendition of Concessions  
and Settlements, matters which are  
necessary for the full indepen-  
dence of China."

SHARP CHINA  
COMMENT

Prince Konoye's statement  
on the readjustment of rela-  
tions between Japan and  
"New China" has evoked  
sharp comments from the Hong  
Kong "Ta Kung Pao" and "Shun  
Pao."

The "Ta Kung Pao" declares  
that the Chinese people actually  
do not care what statements are  
made by their aggressor. An armed  
aggressor is an enemy and the  
only way to deal with an enemy  
is by resistance.

China's aim to-day, the journal  
says, is to drive the enemy out  
of her territory and guarantee that  
they will not invade China again.

Analysing Konoye's statement,  
the journal observes that it implies  
the conversion of China into an  
"enlarged Manchoukuo."

Referring to the phrase, "abol-  
ition of extraterritoriality" the paper points  
out that since Japan demands that  
her troops be stationed at speci-  
fied points, she demands virtual  
control of China's sovereignty.

Under such circumstances, ex-  
traterritorial rights hardly can into the  
question.

## WHAT IT MEANS.

The "Shun Pao" points out that  
the "inauguration of full diploma-  
tic relations between 'Manchoukuo'  
and China," as demanded in  
Konoye's statement means China's  
recognition of the puppet state;  
"the conclusion of a Sino-Japan-  
ese anti-Comintern pact" means  
control of China's diplomatic rela-  
tions by Japan; "Sino-Japanese  
economic co-operation" means the  
exploitation exclusively by Japan  
of China's economic and natural  
(Continued in Next Column.)



"The Rich Drunkard." Kyra, Roby and Harry secured a brilliant suc-  
cess at the Gripps last night.

Christmas Festivities  
At The Soldiers'  
And Sailors' Home

Christmas Festivities are now  
in full swing at the Sailors' & Sol-  
diers' Home, and every effort is  
being made to ensure that the ses-  
sion will be a happy and mem-  
orable one for Servicemen who are  
at present in the Colony.

The activities started on Thurs-  
day evening, when an enthusiastic  
party of one hundred and forty sat  
down to a sumptuous Christmas  
Dinner.

The Assembly Hall, with its  
streamers, and beautifully de-  
corated tables, presented a very  
gay and inviting appearance, and  
the Party was very much "at  
Home."

Dinner was followed by a Con-  
cert. The Orchestra, by kind per-  
mission of the Commanding Officer

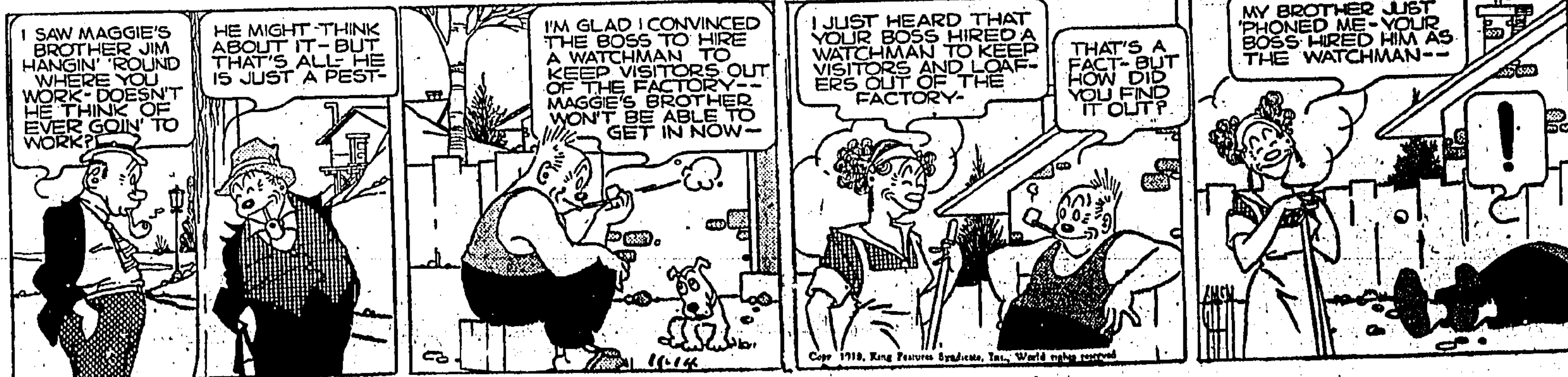
All who are serving either in  
Navy or Army in Hong Kong have  
been or are to be entertained at  
A Christmas Dinner and Party,  
and the last of these will be held  
to-morrow evening.

To-day, after the usual services  
at The English Methodist Church,  
Wanchai, a Social Hour will be  
held at The Home, at 8.15 p.m.  
Supper will include Mince Pies  
and Xmas Cake, after which carols  
will be sung; the evening conclud-  
ing with Family Prayers.



FRANCO-GERMAN "NO MORE WAR" PACT SIGNED. In the  
historic Salon de l'Horloge at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris. Herr von  
Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, and M. Georges Bonnet, French  
Foreign Minister, put their signatures to the document.

## Bringing Up Father



## THIS COMIC STRIP

IS A

## DAILY FEATURE

IN

The China Mail



## CHUNG WAH BOOK FACTORY DISPUTE

The dispute between the management of the Chung Hwa Book Factory at Ma-tauwei and some 800 of their employees still remains unsettled, the "Sunday Herald" was authoritatively informed yesterday.

The workers involved went on hunger strike for two days, and only consented to eat after the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs intervened.

However, following a meeting at the S.C.A. between representatives of the workers and the management, certain proposals were suggested, which have been submitted to the company's head office in Shanghai for approval.

The present trouble resulted from the dismissal of 69 employees who supported a fellow worker in a dispute involving a bank-note and a broken window.

According to the company's rules, for every bank-note spoiled a fine of 14 cents is imposed.

### A GUST OF WIND

A gust of wind through a broken window which blew a bank-note into some ink, caused the trouble.

The man protested against a fine complaining that he had requested the official in charge to have the window repaired, but no notice was taken.

Seven hundred workers supported the man, and the management closed the factory for four days.

Sixty-nine men were subsequently dismissed for creating trouble and the rest went on strike, demanding that the dismissed men be re-employed.

## NUFFIELD TO MAKE WORLD TOUR

London, Yesterday. Lord Nuffield, "the English Ford," and British motorcar king, according to the "Daily Mail," will shortly after Christmas go on a world tour to boost British made cars.

Lord Nuffield will pay special attention to South Africa, where German cars, have begun ousting British, and to Australia as well as New Zealand.

The visit to South Africa and Egypt is said to be all the more important in view of the plans to construct motorway roads on the Mediterranean coast to Capetown and from the African east to west coast.

Experts believe that the South African Union, Australia and New Zealand could be made excellent markets for motorcars.—Trans-Ocean.

## LOCAL YACHTING RESULTS

Results of yesterday's sweepstake yacht races over 8.3 miles are as follows:

| Yacht                            | Corrected | Pos. |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|
| Diana                            | 18.40.55  | 1    |
| (Mr. J. Gifford Hull)            |           |      |
| Dorothea                         | 18.44.31½ | 2    |
| (Dr. Deane Smith)                |           |      |
| Siskin                           | 18.48.01  | 3    |
| (D. N. F.)                       |           |      |
| "A" Class started at 14.30       |           |      |
| La Linda                         | 17.00.01  | 1    |
| (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)           |           |      |
| Nereid II                        | 17.17.10  | 2    |
| (Mr. P. E. Fanshawe)             |           |      |
| Isobel                           | 17.19.38  | 3    |
| (Capt. A. R. Morris)             |           |      |
| Painted Lady                     | 17.20.20  | 4    |
| (Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson)       |           |      |
| Gull                             | 17.20.39  | 5    |
| (Mr. A. G. G. Miller)            |           |      |
| Maureen                          | 17.20.40  | 6    |
| (Capt. R. Lawder)                |           |      |
| Kittiwake                        | 17.21.05  | 7    |
| (Miss P. N. King)                |           |      |
| Joss                             | 17.21.32  | 8    |
| (Mr. P. H. Macmillan)            |           |      |
| Teal                             | 17.22.31  | 9    |
| (Major S. del Court)             |           |      |
| "I" & "Y" Class started at 14.40 |           |      |
| Heron                            | 17.20.20½ | 1    |
| (Mr. T. C. Fairburn)             |           |      |
| Wildgeon                         | 17.24.26½ | 2    |
| (Mr. L. P. Ralph)                |           |      |
| Allen                            | 17.26.19  | 3    |
| (Mr. W. A. Ingram)               |           |      |

# 'FOUR HUNDRED' CLUB FOR HONGKONG

## Scheme On Foot For Luxurious 'Night Haunt' In The Central District



Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt leaving St. John's Cathedral after their marriage. Mrs. Hewitt is the former Miss Margaret McLay.

## Air Conditioning, Glass Ballroom, Swimming Pool

(By A Special Correspondent)

Plans for the opening of an exclusive night club in Hong Kong on the lines of the famous "Four Hundred" are well advanced, I understand.

A few weeks ago, the subject was mentioned to me by Mr. Andrews, of Andrews and Sykes, well-known entertainers on the Far East circuit.

## ALMOST RECORD BUSINESS IN COLONY

Almost record business has been done in Hong Kong this Christmas, and shopkeepers have good reason to be pleased with themselves.

"It is not expected that the total turnover will be an all-time record, but it will be better than it has been for many seasons past."

This statement was made by almost every local shop-keeper last night, when approached by the "Sunday Herald" with questions about the volume of Christmas trade.

The improvement is particularly due to the large number of well-to-do refugees in the Colony.

Late last night, shops were still thronged with crowds of shoppers making last-minute purchases.

## JAPANESE SCHOOL IN H. K. RE-OPENING

Japanese nationals, including women and children who evacuated both Canton and Hong Kong shortly after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, are gradually returning to Canton and to the Colony.

Mr. A. Tajiri, the Japanese Consul-General, told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that Japanese women and children are now returning to Hong Kong by all boats.

The Japanese School in Kennedy Road has been reopened and students are attending classes daily. Japanese shops in the Wanchai District are also resuming business and many of those who evacuated with their entire stock, have returned.

Among the passengers who sailed for Hong Kong in the Sapporo, due here in a few days, were Rev. and Mrs. G. E. S. Upsdell.

## MISS YEUNG SAU KING TO WED

THE "SUNDAY HERALD" WAS INFORMED YESTERDAY THAT MISS YEUNG SAU-KING'S ENGAGEMENT IS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A PARTY TO BE HELD AT THE ROOF GARDEN, HONG KONG HOTEL, ON TUESDAY.

Miss Yeung is popularly known as "China's Mermaid" by reason of her swimming prowess.

Two years ago she represented China at the World Olympics at Berlin.

### LIMITED MEMBERSHIP

Membership, it is understood, will be limited to three hundred founder members who will each have the privilege of introducing two chartered members. Qualifications for founder memberships are one year's residence in the Colony and professional or business standing.

The services of an internationally famous chef, and a well-known entertainer who will act as "Host" are being sought.

When asked if Mr. Andrews was the latter, my informant smiled, said: "Names are not being divulged at present."

## "PASSPORTS" FOR CANTON

IDENTIFICATION PASSES FOR PERSONS DESIRING TO PROCEED TO CANTON ARE BEING ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL, ACCORDING TO MR. A. TAJIBI, JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL.

Those who are not known to officials at the Consulate must obtain a guarantor, in the form of the chop and signature of the proprietor of a bona fide firm in the Colony, before an identification card will be issued. Two passport photographs are needed when applying for a pass.

A fee of \$10 is charged for each pass.

## CHINA LIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY

GAIETY PREVAILED AT THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER RECREATION CLUB YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHERE OVER 50 KIDDIES, CHILDREN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, WERE ENTERTAINED AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Races and games were indulged in during the afternoon and successful competitors won prizes.

In the hall of the Club-house was a Christmas Tree on which were suspended toys and other playthings which were later distributed among the children.

A delightful tea concluded the function.

## PAKHOI QUIET

The Japanese have withdrawn most of their warships from the Pakhoi neighbourhood.



The bridesmaid, page boy and flower girl made a charming group at the Hewitt-McLay wedding. The bridesmaid is Miss Madeline Archbutt.

## MAURICIO XMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas-Tree Party organised by present and past pupils of Mauricio College of Physical Education took place on Friday. Tombola was participated by all. There were other games in which children took part and that which brought in a lot of fun and laughter was a Face-Making game. Four of the ladies acted as Judges and the winning vote went to little Miss Doreen Houghton who "out-classed" her competitors. At 10.30 p.m. The Principal, Professor Mauricio, as Santa Claus, walked

## CHUNGSHAN'S EMBARGO

According to the "Ta Kung Pao," the Chungshan authorities have placed an embargo on 30 articles, mostly of military nature. Articles forbidden to be shipped out include military supplies, explosives, aviation apparatus, metals, alcohol, cotton seeds, models and machinery for minting purposes, electric torches, and petroleum.—Central News.

into the hall and fruits, candles, Christmas crackers, etc. were distributed to the children.

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## SPECIAL X'MAS MENU

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON  
\$1.25 per head.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER  
\$1.25 per head.

A la Carte Menu, as usual

## CAFE DE LUXE

RESTAURANT

Mezz. Flr. China Emporium Bldg.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Department Store is closed to-day (Dec. 25) in celebration of Christmas Day, but will resume business as usual to-morrow (Dec. 26).

The Cafe de Luxe Restaurant remains open as usual to-day.

## CHINA EMPORIUM, LTD.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S TRIP TO AMERICA. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Eden on the Aquitania.

## LOCAL LEAGUE OF PALS

The local branch of the League of Pals, which was inaugurated two months ago, will hold a Fancy Dress Buffet Dance to-morrow evening from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The function will take place at the Kowloon Tong Club, Waterloo Road, which has been kindly lent to the League.

Dress, whether fancy or otherwise, is optional.

A band from the Middlesex Regiment will be in attendance.



## LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance



For a long time we have been anxious to recommend the knock-knocks on the odds and ends counter in the Ladies Salon of LANE, CRAWFORDS. We think they have some pretty cute ideas to offer there, and made a list of some of the things we think people would like to have at any time of the year. If you do a lot of week-end calling, remember your host is not above accepting a novel dinner gown which costs but a fraction of what he has to dole out in order to feed you, and when not in use it makes a handsome decoration for sideboards. Handpainted table mats in cork or wood will be greeted with hearty huzzas by your hostesses, or if she insists on a game of bridge every time you call, how about a nice score pad bound in hand-engraved leather? Clothes brushes neatly tucked away in wood carved stands, playmate waste baskets artistically hand-painted, and decorative leather cases for filling men's collars, are a few more ideas picked up at this address.

If you belong to that vast army of people who are frequently bothered with bronchial trouble in the winter time, find in the GRAND DISPENSARY a remarkably soothing and most efficacious remedy for coughs and hoarseness, tickling of the throat, and minor bronchial troubles of all kinds. Ask for "Lakeroll" Pastilles, and pay about 60 cents for a tin of fifty. The pastilles have a very pleasant menthol taste, and are recommended especially for singers, speakers, smokers, teachers, sportsmen, soldiers, motorists, and all persons working in dusty or damp localities. They can be used all the year round, and will keep the mouth and throat healthy in all weather. Being entirely harmless they can be given to children with impunity, too. The GRAND DISPENSARY in Queen's Road are the sole distributors of "Lakeroll" in the Colony, so see them about it.

If you can't afford a fur coat, you can afford a grey novelty plush that looks every bit like fur. In LUCILLE'S they have some pretty good-looking coats fashioned of this material, and we must admit that, on first sight, even we were fooled. As soft as seal skin, this fabric lends itself admirably to the evening mode. Coats that look like Bunny rabbits and feel like cuddlesome Teddy bears may be found among the Imperial whites. Some have Bishop sleeves and Queen's heels. All are three-quarter length and very low priced. There is nothing to stop you from looking like a million dollars even though your budget is small. To escort these coats, this firm offers evening gloves in white suede, and some very "swanky" black ones in kid, with bands of gold kid trimming the knuckles. Glittering handbags, too, and a whole new lot of novelties which will make you greedy to possess them all. Queen's Road.

Every mother should be grateful to Messrs. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD., for this front rank firm of dispensers is well to the fore in providing cures to make this world a safer place for babies. Their No. 35 Cough Syrup for Children is the safest and most dependable relief for coughs and colds, and costs only 20 cents a bottle. Children love the taste of it, too. Their Worm Cakes are one of the most reliable and efficacious remedies for worms, and in manufacture from the finest ingredients procurable, while their Baby Water has long been recognised as the surest cure for griping, indigestion, acidity, wind or flatulence. In homes where health is of primary consideration, WATSON'S products are always to be found. Their name on any medicinal product, is a guarantee of a first-class buy. Find the Hong Kong Dispensary on the corner of Chater and Des Voeux Roads, and their Kowloon Dispensary in Nathan Road.

Everything points to more beauty and luxury for our lounging hours. Designers are even borrowing ideas from the evening mode in order to make us more leisure conscious. At THE LINEN CHEST, housecoats in silver brocade and brocade satin offer the wearer every inducement to relax. Satin lined and beautifully tailored, they are the last word in household smartness. The more feminine negligees are also there. These are fashioned of brocade satin, elaborately trimmed with Alençon lace and frog fastenings. It has always seemed a great pity to us that these lovely garments must be condemned to the privacy of the boudoir. Red jackets in quilted satin encourage one to breakfast in bed. Some appear with contrasting lining, others go in for shadow quilting. And though we digress, we feel it our plain duty to point out that Rottell lace banquet cloths are surprisingly low-priced here. 210 Gloucester Building.

If you don't already know, that the VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE is the most complete and up-to-date radio servicing depot in town, then it's about time you did! Here you will find the only tube-tester in Hong Kong which can efficiently test all makes of radio tubes, thus enabling them first to repair your "no-go" exactly, tenderly and for a moderate fee. Or, perhaps you haven't got a radio, but are in the market for one then they will cheerfully conduct you over their shop; show you what they have, and point out the various advantages of one set over another. You can then turn out your pockets (and short of a hole) they will fit you up with a set within the limits of your resources. Take your choice from a whole new range of 1938 Telefunken models, and some of the nicest sets you have ever set eyes on in the Zenith line. Look this firm up in Hankow Road, Kowloon.

Luxurious hostess coats in changeable satin have made their appearance at DOLLY VADENS, and we must admit that it is a long time since we have seen anything quite so pretty. There is a wine coloured beauty whose lining changes to navy according to the light you view it in, and the slit up the front takes care that this effect is seen every time you cross your legs or stride across the room. All these coats are zipped down the front and furnished with stunning ornaments. The wine model has a gigantic row of shining gold studded with miniature paillettes which gleam red, blue and green. A royal blue with lining of gold, dangles a gold leaf which slides up and down a gold zip. Cunning highlights to sleek coats which go in for lots of shirring in the right places, and clever drapery just where it will do the most good. There are one or two in tulle for those who like to be heard when they move. Six only, so get a move on.

Those of you who have now decided to get something special in the way of a camera for next year should certainly see the wide range VOIGTLANDER have to offer. Whether you are buying a camera for the first time or require something more advanced you'll find a VOIGTLANDER to suit your purpose—and your purse. Two models just introduced are sure to take your fancy. One is the Baby Bessa which offers extraordinary value. Although you might mistake it for a real miniature camera the Baby model takes "pictures" which require no enlarging. The other model is a new edition of the famous Brilliant range and is called the Focusing Brilliant—an entirely new type which fulfils old and seemingly unattainable wishes. Either model is a perfect joy to handle and you should see them at your dealers right away.

Lots of temptation will be put in the way of the woman on the look-out for afternoon frocks at EXCELSAIS. This shop has just got in a new stock that tops any group of afternoon dresses we have seen this week. A burgundy crepe is not only what we recommend, but urge. It has a bodice which should win first prize for clever shirring, and it has to be seen to be really appreciated—no amount of words can describe the beauty of it. The blacks, as usual, are very outstanding, and we have in mind a frock with little coats, trimmed at neck and on sleeves with frilly white collar and cuffs. Very much on a par with this one, is another with triangular breast pockets embroidered in royal blue and gold beads. Speaking of royal blue, reminds us to mention a frock in this colour. The pretty yoke is entirely made up of knife pleating, and rhinestone hearts march across the bodice from shoulder to shoulder. 188 Nathan Road, and take a firm grip of yourself if you can't afford to fall more than once.

# PRIVATE FACES IN PUBLIC PLACES

## Peace on Earth

TWENTY-FOUR years ago Sgt. M. A. Johnson, Queen's Westminster Rifles, peered over the top of a trench in front of Armentières. It was 0015 hours, a few minutes to "stand-to," and dusk was shrouding the scar-pitted field in front. All that day, he and the other young men of Number 16 Platoon had stood in silent misery. For a whole week it had rained and the beet fields intersected by drains four feet below the surface, had poured a gluey mud into the trenches that snaked across them. With dug-outs flooded or fallen in, sleep was out of the question and those who tried to restore circulation to bodies waist deep in the horrible bath, could only do so by climbing over the back of the trench and running the gauntlet of the enemy's snipers—a practice that had been sternly forbidden after several, a neat hole drilled in their foreheads, had fallen back into the slime.

THE young Sergeant was by nature cheerful; moreover he had the responsibility of preserving the morale of the section. "There's a moor coming up; smells frosty, too," he announced. "I reckon it's going to stop raining." Nobody, the speaker included, really believed this, but it had the desired effect. Conversation became general and somebody ventured that tomorrow was Christmas day. "Wonder if Jerry will try a stunt?" he added. This started a nice little argument; the eyes pointed out that nobody would expect such an unchristian act, ergo, the ideal time for a stratagem, the noses stressing that Jerry was too wise to allow himself to be bogged in the morass that separated them. The argument was never settled, for at that moment the ration carriers arrived, bringing Christmas parcels and the rum issue.

COLD, mud, even the enemy who stalked them day and night, were forgotten as the parcels prepared by loving hands in another world, were excitedly opened. The festivity in this miserable ditch became hilarious when the Sergeant, plump pudding in one hand, timed turkey in the other, opened his mouth, gaped at the heavens, and said he felt bone dry. Someone in the next bay started to sing, and the chorus was taken up all down

the line, filling the still night with rich merriment. It died away and then, like a ghostly echo came back on the breeze. There was a puzzled silence in the trench. The Sergeant climbed on to the fire step. "The Jerries are singing," he announced in an awed voice.

"WE climbed out in front of our trench and marched up and down singing carols. The Germans began to shout invitations to come over. Several of us drifted towards their trench and found that it was manned by Saxons belonging to the 107th Regiment, many members of which had lived in England and spoke excellent English." Mr. Johnson paused, signed a letter, continued: "Most of us stood on top, talking to the Germans who handed up bottles of wine and cigars. We had left our rifles behind, although nearly everybody brought bayonets. About midnight we returned to our own trench and at daylight we heard the Germans shouting: 'Good Morning! Happy Christmas! You go shoot, we no shoot!' and we began to get out of our trenches and move towards each other in No Man's Land."

THE first contact we made was with a German officer who stated that he came from Catford and was very anxious to hear the Soccer League results. The crowds from both sides mingled and we found the Germans blissfully ignorant of the progress of the war. They had been brought to the line in closed trucks and thought they were just outside Paris and also believed that the Germans were occupying London! Meanwhile, two men from the Royal Fusiliers had put on French civilian clothes and peddled up on borrowed bicycles, which they gravely lifted over our trench and rode on again toward the German trench. They carried a challenge for a football match in No-Man's Land, which was accepted for Christmas afternoon.

TALKING it over, it was generally agreed that we had quite enough to contend

with owing to the miserable state of our respective trenches, and the Germans offered to refrain from firing if we would do the same. They warned us, however, that if they were relieved by Prussian troops, this truce would come to an end, and promised that if the Prussians turned up, they would let us know by firing five rounds rapid."



Venerable Brother Chee Hoy arrived in Hong Kong with ten cents. He sought guidance by meditation in centre of Des Voeux Road, miraculously escaped traffic, found brother Buddhist in nearby shop, who provided food and shelter.

"DID they keep their promise?" we asked. "It was never put to the test," said Mr. Johnson. "News of the situation had filtered through to the War Office and urgent orders were received by the Brigade to get the troops back into the trenches. At 3.00 a.m. on Boxing morning we were relieved by the Royal Fusiliers and shifted into what was regarded as the worst part of the line. If this was an official reproof, it didn't worry us half as much as the loss of the bulk of our Christmas parcels, which owing to the weight of our equipment we were unable to carry and had to leave behind to the Fusiliers. Later, we heard that the Germans we left opposite our line did not fire a single shot for three weeks after Christmas," ended Mr. Johnson.

IT would be interesting to know what would have happened had the "truce" spread right along the front," we said. Mr. Johnson nodded: "Recently I was in the company of some Germans at the house of a mutual friend and it was generally agreed that there was no individual animosity between Germans and British and that the average citizen of the two countries did not want war. I believe that not only Germans, but members of every nation in Europe are inspired by the same feeling of friendliness towards other countries, but are not in a position to give effect to their sentiments. This impression I formed during a tour through Europe last year, which added to the vivid memory of Christmas day, 1914, convinces me that in the last analysis, mankind will down guns rather than commit hara kiri."

Venerable Brother Chee Hoy

TALL, lean, gowned in traditional Buddhist robes, Brother Chee Hoy (Oceans of

Compassion) has forgotten his real name in fifteen years devout practice of the esoteric cult of Sakyamuni, Gautama, Siddhartha. Thirty-eight years

may not die; So must we with the teachings of Buddha, Quench the thirst of all that sigh."

old, the Abbot of Leng Wo Temple, San Francisco, discovered that he was no ordinary person at the tender age of seven, when slated for a whipping by the headmaster of his school, that choleric pedagogue picked up the slate and found it forcibly wrested from his grasp by an unseen hand. This, the fact that he was psychic from birth, and a desire to meditate in solitude, convinced his parents that their son was destined for higher things than serving gasoline and hot dog. They encouraged him in his studies of the occult, with the result that to-day he is probably the only white man in the world versed in the inner rhythm of life, and one of the very few Buddhist priests to have taken eighteen Monjus without a break.

THE last took place at the Buddhist monastery on Tai Lu Shan (Big Rain Mountain), Lan Tau Island, in the highest ranking initiating in a series designed to test the supremacy of the spirit over the flesh. Black-gowned monks chanting, prepare little cones of incense. These are placed on the shaven head of the candidate and ignited. Slowly, the red hot cones bore into the scalp, leaving a round scar in the tender flesh about the size of five cent piece. Each scar is known as a Monju, the Buddhist symbol for the marks of Buddha. Should the candidate show by sound or expression the slightest sign of pain, he is deemed to have failed, and is ploughed by the examinees who show no mercy in what is perhaps world's stiffest examination.

TWELVE being the highest number of Monjus ever taken at Tai Lu Shan, the priests became very excited when Tai Yan Wo Shong (Western Buddhist Priest) announced he was taking eighteen. The priest whose duty it was to place the incense cones on Brother Chee Hoy's crown, was so overcome, that he fumbled the job. "The brother made a mess of it. I got outside my body, took the cones from his hand and placed them on my head," said Brother Chee Hoy, simply. "Then as the incense cones were lighted, I left my physical body and wandered into the above. Strange, occult things were happening. Music, vibrations, sweet, wailing sounds, signifying that the High Priest from a higher plane was present."

"HOW can you divorce the spirit from the flesh?" we asked incredulously, though we could see the red scars on his shaven head. "Exercises, postures, breathing, special diet, hand movements that have a physical effect. These move the vital forces to the pineal gland, and the spirit escapes through the third eye in a cloud of glory." "The third eye?" Brother Chee Hoy got up: "I will show you." He closed his eyes. A convulsive shudder passed through his body as his hands, describing an arc, swept ceilingwards. A low moaning sound came from his lips. Fascinated, we studied his face. It was lifeless; the bones sharp against the skin, like the head of a mummy. For five minutes he remained like one dead. Then the colour drained back to his cheeks, his eyelids fluttered, and he began chanting: "Just as the raindrop refreshes the flower, Quenching its thirst that it

"The Rich Drunkard" THE other evening we went backstage, ate Salami and drank Tokky with Kyra, Roby and Harry. A parcel containing the Salami had arrived from Buda, and knowing that we are very partial to the noblest sausage of them all, Roby invited us to share it. Which set us thinking that art of entertaining owes very little to money; for these days many people dispense cocktails and sausages, some even going to the expense of champagne and caviar, without achieving the simple intimate spirit which we enjoyed, and lacking which, any festive occasion becomes a crashing bore. Dollars can buy almost everything, love and health included, but charm remains an overabundant quality that evades the largest purse, and puck-like is more often found in circles where a bottle of wine is an event.

KYRA, the hostess, is slim, dark, has more than her fair share of charm. Like her partners, she is cultured and takes dancing seriously. Roby who threw up a lucrative business appointment for ballet, works out the ensembles. Both he and Harry scorn gymnastics set to music, and nearly every number is interpretative ballet adapted to a small stage with the minimum of scenic and lighting effects.

"The Rich Drunkard" featured by them the other night, is typical of their art in which expression plays almost as important a part as footwork. A delicate satire on the interplay of modern society, which allows it permissible for a Duchess to behave like a demi-mondaine and remain a Duchess, and a waiter to behave like a gentleman and go on waiting, the technique is as near perfect as makes no criticism. Harry, the rich drunkard, is as rich and clever a piece of characterization as you will see outside the London stage. Roby, deft, agile, full of romantic impulses and chivalrous sentiment, maintains the invisible gulf that divides servant and served, while manning to checkmate the amorous passes made by Harry in the direction of Kyra who is a perfect lady looking for an adventure with a perfect gentleman. How he does so, keeps his balance, and the customers, is worthy of a greater tradition than cabaret was present."

## Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wong left for Singapore in the Aramis recently. At Singapore they transhipped to the Scharnhorst and sailed for Europe. An extensive car tour of Europe is planned, the couple expecting to be away about a year.

Lieut. R. Dowbiggin, son of Lieut-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, arrived in the Colony in the Carthage.

The many friends of Mr. Ernest Fletcher and Miss Irene Giffins will be interested to learn of the announcement of their engagement.

Mr. D. L. Newbigging, a director of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., together with his wife and children, arrived in the Carthage.

Mr. Felix A. Joseph, the local financier, returned in the Carthage after an absence of 18 months in England.

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# Dangers In The East Of Europe

WHEN Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Secretary, disciple and, to some extent, heir of Marshal Pilsudski, looks out upon the state of Eastern Europe and the raw morrow of Munich, he must feel rather uncomfortable. Otherwise he would surely not have made such haste to form a new contract with Soviet Russia, from whom, at one moment in the crisis a few weeks ago, Poland had received a virtual ultimatum. It was no doubt very gratifying to acquire Teschen, about which there was a long story. It must have given a keen sense of power to rebuff the Ambassadors of Great Britain and France when they came to plead for the remnants of Czechoslovakia. But after the feast comes the bill. The bill is presented by the German landlord, who has newly acquired the inn and adjacent property; it may be quite a heavy bill. The agitations which are now being fomented in the Polish Ukraine show that there are many large items in the account; among these may be mentioned Danzig and the Polish Corridor. Such is the bill that may be presented in the near future by Nazi Germany to Colonel Beck. But perhaps the Russian Soviet Union will come to his aid and help him not to pay it! But then again, perhaps not!

## A Keen Sentiment

The Western democracies, France and Great Britain, have always had a very keen sentiment for Polish national independence. This sentiment has not been expressed in words alone. Napoleon made a memorable effort to reintegrate Poland. It was not till 1919 that the triumph of French and British bayonets made possible the undoing of the historic crime perpetrated by the three despots of Prussia, Austria and Russia more than a century and a half ago.

I have always hailed the liberation of Poland from its tripartite bondage as one of the most inspiring consequences of the World War. The unslipping, quenchless conception of national unity possessed by the Polish nation is one of the wonders of history, and that it should have reached fruition as a result of French and British sacrifices and victories was a grand event. No student of the past could but feel pain to see the newly reconstituted Poland in these last fateful months act with complete indifference both to the Powers who liberated her and to the cause of law and freedom in Europe. It was disappointing to those who had battered the gates of a Bastille, to find that the captive seemed to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing in his long incarceration. But after all, disillusion is too often the fruit of experience.

## Christmas Of Deep Fear

All Eastern Europe spends this Christmas in deep fear. Against whom will the next blow be directed? Upon what countries, now independent and at peace, will the consequences of Munich fall?

There is extreme tension in Rumania. England has lately received the visit of King Carol.

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The impression which he created in London was highly favourable; the British public had the feeling that here was a real man, a highly capable prince, facing extraordinary difficulties with resource and resolve. But Rumania, with her oil and corn, with a host of recently acquired minorities in her midst, and with Hungary with a deep seated grievance at her very doors, seems to be another country in danger at this unhappy time.

Beyond the two threatened countries, Poland and Rumania, lies the great mass of Russia, and further to the south the powerful military Republic of Turkey. Russia and Turkey, for centuries foes, become good neighbours. Together they form a counterpoise for Europe, which might well be of invaluable service. Russia is a mystery and a riddle.

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who have managed to find room and subsistence in their by no means rich and fertile country for nearly two million newcomers, repatriated from Turkish lands.

Both Greece and Turkey are animated by the friendliest sentiments toward Great Britain. There is not the slightest divergence of interest between the leading Mediterranean naval Power and these two guardians of the Aegean. It appears to be an object of high consequence to Great Britain to foster and encourage the growth of prosperity, credit and trade, both in Turkey and Greece. The loan of sixteen million, which Mr. Chamberlain so prudently made earlier in the year, has been a substantial advantage to Turkey, and has been warmly acknowledged by the Turkish Government.

It is to be hoped that means will be found to foster the Greek trade and otherwise to assist the people with whom British connections have been so long and so agreeable, and upon whose Throne there now sits an able constitutional King, long resident in England.

## Beneficial Influence

Greece, Turkey and Rumania together can exert a highly beneficial influence in Bulgaria. A step forward was made in Balkan politics when at the Salonica Conference Bulgaria definitely rejoined her sister State in the Balkan peninsula. All these countries will be safe and prosperous if they act together and weld themselves into a strong block of peaceful but well-armed States. If they let themselves be divided and set one against another by

which none may read. The part Russia has played in the Far East deserves the respect both of Great Britain and the United States. What Russia can do or will do in Europe in the event of the advent of her soil being invaded, no man can tell. He would indeed be foolish to write it down as negligible.

But Turkey is another stabilizing force, much smaller, but



Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, greeted by M. Daladier on his arrival to sign the Franco-German declaration.

more definite in its character. The death of Mustapha Kemal, the saviour of Turkey in the war, and the guide and rebuilder of the Turkish nation since the war, was a loss most grievous and untimely both to the Ottoman people and to Europe. The tears which men and women of all classes shed upon his bier were a fitting tribute to the life work of a man at once the hero, the champion and the father of modern Turkey.

During his long dictatorship a policy of admirable restraint and good will created, for the first time in history, most friendly relations with Greece. The terrible injuries which the two races wrought each other after the great war, had been effaced by time and good sense. The disentangling of the populations was a feat of active statesmanship which has no parallel. The predication that Turkey would not be able to get on without the presence of a certain number of Greeks as doctors, chemists, bankers, money lenders, and handy men in their villages, has been happily falsified. Turkish capacity has been found equal to the task of presenting a complete domestic economy.

## Achievement Of The Greeks

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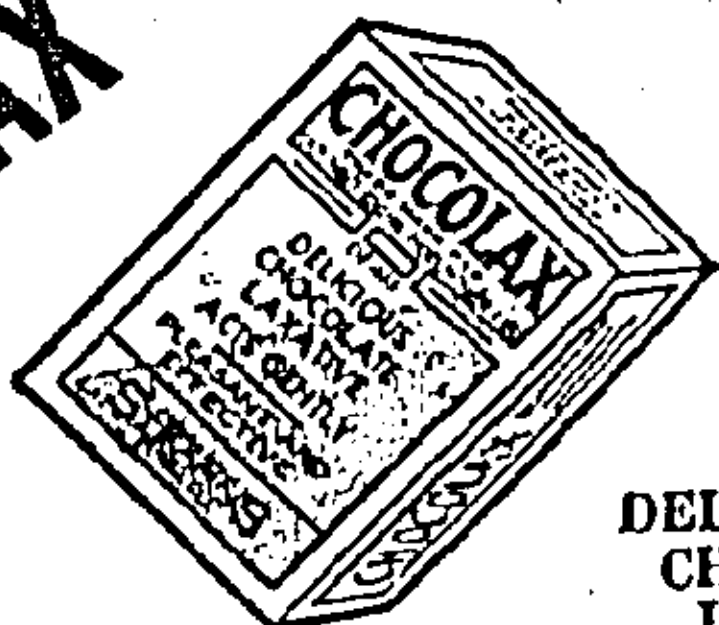
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# King Of Greece Reveals United Balkans Army Of 5,000,000

## HISTORIC TALK IN LONDON

A United States of the Balkans capable of putting 5,000,000 men in the field is revealed by the King of Greece in an historic interview which the "Sunday Herald" is able to publish to-day.

The King's duties as a constitutional monarch have always made it difficult for journalists to approach him. He has, however, authorised the publication of this interview with the historian Hans Roger Madol.

King George reveals that during the crisis the Balkan States were one nation of 70 millions, ready for any emergency. This, he emphasises, brings a new element into European power-politics.

By HANS ROGER MADOL

THE KING RECEIVED ME WITH HIS ACCUSTOMED AMABILITY. THERE IS NOTHING HECTIC OR NERVOUS IN HIS MANNER OR IN THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND HIM; BUT HIS GRAVE WORDS SHOW CLEARLY ENOUGH HOW EARNESTLY HE APPRECIATES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PRESENT EUROPEAN SITUATION.

"What is our attitude to it? I think that to-day we people from the Balkans set an example to the world," he said, "for we have solved our problems and conflicts in an entirely peaceful way. When I returned to Greece after nearly fifteen years of absence, I still had in my mind the old impression left by nearly 500 years of enmity between Greeks and Turks."

HIS 17-HOUR DAY

"But how do we live now? In complete mutual understanding. I can tell you that our frontier against Turkey is not even guarded."

"Moreover, we have come to an understanding with Bulgaria by which the Bulgarians are our friends, too."

"During the last crisis the Balkan Union was completely united in preparedness for war. We are one nation of 70 millions and the army we could put into the field numbers five million men."

The King of Greece has grown a little thinner since he resumed his throne. Experience and high responsibility have moulded his face.

"I have worked with Metaxas (head of the Government) 17 hours a day," the King continued. "Our task was so complex and difficult, but in future we must try to manage with 12."

"Not that our problems have diminished. Unfortunately we do not find a real understanding of our difficulties in Western Europe."

NO BARTER TRADE

The King did not wish to go further into political questions. He talked of the economic situation in Greece, though it was difficult to separate the economic problem from the political.

"Greek products," he said, "are for the most part luxury articles—tobacco, wine, oil, currants and so forth."

"Even in time of crisis we have to find some way of selling them and, at the same time, of obtaining foreign currency. However much Greece needs machinery, she cannot live by barter."



Herr H. Gipperich, German Consul-General in Hong Kong. (Bann's Studio).

## JAIL MEANT PEACE

Thomas Lucas, of Boston, Mass., has gone to prison at his own request.

He appeared before Judge Frankland W. L. Miles and said: "Your Honour, I am under a suspended sentence of six months for larceny. I want you to revoke the suspension and sentence me to serve the time in jail."

"Why?" asked the judge. "My wife nags me by day and night," said Lucas. "Put me away where I'll get some peace."

## THE VOLUNTEERS IN HONG KONG

SIR.—During the last couple of weeks, correspondence has appeared in your most valuable paper regarding the training and equipment of the local Volunteer Corps and I would also like to say a few words on the subject.

The Corps has had for the last three years an officer from the Regular Army as a Commandant, and a similar officer as an Adjutant. Under these officers the Corps has advanced considerably in training, although a great deal still remains to be accomplished, but in the present financial stringency and without suitable headquarters it is going to be a very difficult task.

Our friends who are fortunate enough to be members of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force appear to be making great headway. They do not seem to lack anything that might prevent them from becoming efficient. Of course they have the full support of the Royal Navy who act as a sort of fairy godmother.

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are not so lucky though it must be admitted that they always have the good advice of General Headquarters but advice is not of much use if funds are lacking to prevent it being put to good effect.

The Air Raid Precautions Volunteers have a very efficient and capable officer in charge who was sent out from England especially to organise and show the Colony what is really required to ensure its protection from air raids and to teach the public all there is to know about anti-gas measures. This work is being well done and it would seem regardless of expense. No one could possibly object to this expenditure as the danger affects everyone, both the combatant and the non-combatant, with a result that everybody is keenly interested in the subject.

With the H.K.V.D.C. it is different. To those not in the Corps it appears to be a matter of indifference as to what may happen until it is too late.

During the year the corps bid farewell to their first Regular Commandant who during his term of office did his best to improve the



The latest portrait of the Italian Consul General, Commendatore Gennaro Pagano di Melito. (Bann's Studio).

## Radium Gun, New Cancer Weapon

Paris, Yesterday.

A substitute for radium in the fight against cancer has been produced here by Professor Joliot, son-in-law of the Curies, discoverers of radium.

The professor has built a radium "gun" consisting of a large tube worked by an electric dynamo which can manufacture large quantities of radio-active elements. The new radio-active elements will be even more important than radium in the treatment of cancer, the professor declares.

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"In 50 to 100 years' time, perhaps," he added, "cancer will be only a legend like leprosy."

Corps and endeavoured to make it fit to take its place in the defence of this Colony. During this period he must have suffered many a setback and disappointment with his plans. On several occasions when submitting his requirements of weapons and equipment great hopes were raised amongst the rank and file only to be lowered once more when it was found out later that his requisitions had been reduced or entirely deleted.

His successor has taken over the burden. He has come full of the desire to help us in every way and he can be sure of the full support of every individual member in the Corps. He will bring to us the latest ideas (which are needed). Let us sincerely hope that the local authorities will also endeavour to support his programme as fully as possible so that when his term of duty expires he will not leave the Colony with a feeling of frustration and disappointment due not to the lack of hard work and keenness on the part of himself or of the personnel of the Corps but due to a lack of the things necessary to make an efficient unit.

We are led to believe that the destiny of the Corps is watched over carefully by the Volunteer Advisory Board. Is it too much to hope that the members of the Board will always consist of only those who have the true welfare of the Corps foremost in their mind and a determination to make it equal to its motto "Nulli Secundus in Oriente?"

In conclusion let deep consideration be given to the fact that about one fifth of the total expenditure of the Corps is absorbed by the Air Arm which consists of about a dozen young men who in a few years time may or may not still be in the Colony or even interested in aviation.

A VOICE FROM THE WILDERNESS.

## WEST INDIES COMMISSION SENSATION

London, Yesterday.

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trade Union Congress and a member of the West Indies Royal Commission, has had a sharp difference of opinion with Lord Moyne, chairman of the commission, has threatened to return to London, but has now been persuaded to continue his work.

Sir Walter and Mr. Morgan Jones, Welsh Socialist M. P. who is on the commission, became anxious when evidence given by organisations and individuals was heard in camera.

The climax came in Kingston, Jamaica, when evidence was submitted by the custodes, a class of small-holders.

Sir Walter and Mr. Jones urged that this evidence should be analysed and discussed in public. Lord Moyne ruled that it should be considered in camera.

"YOU CAN JUDGE"

The majority of the commission supported Lord Moyne. Sir Walter cabled Transport House, T.U.C. headquarters in London, for permission to return home.

Transport House replied promptly: "You are the best judge of what to do, but we will back you whatever your decision."

Now the Government, anxious that the commission should not be broken up, have sent a private appeal to Sir Walter to carry on. Lord Moyne added his own appeal.

And Sir Walter, satisfied with his protest, has gone off to Cuba to continue his work.

NOTES EVERYTHING

Sir Walter Citrine, aged fifty-one, has been described as the greatest note-taker in public life. He spends nearly an hour every night transcribing his shorthand notes of what he has seen and heard during the day.

Lord Moyne is fifty-eight, was formerly Lieut.-Colonel Walter Edward Guinness. He is a former Minister of Agriculture, and was chairman of the departmental committee on the Cinematograph Films Act.

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On Britain's Problem

FROM the days of Canute to those of Kipling the English people have looked with distrust upon a standing army. Again and again they have been caught without one, have been compelled to improvise in haste in order to meet an unexpected demand, have wasted lives and money owing to lack of preparation, have escaped defeat through good luck and stout hearts rather than through military training or political foresight, and having so escaped have heaved a sigh of relief and proceeded without loss of time to disband the forces to which they owed their salvation.

#### SO SHE MUDDLES ON

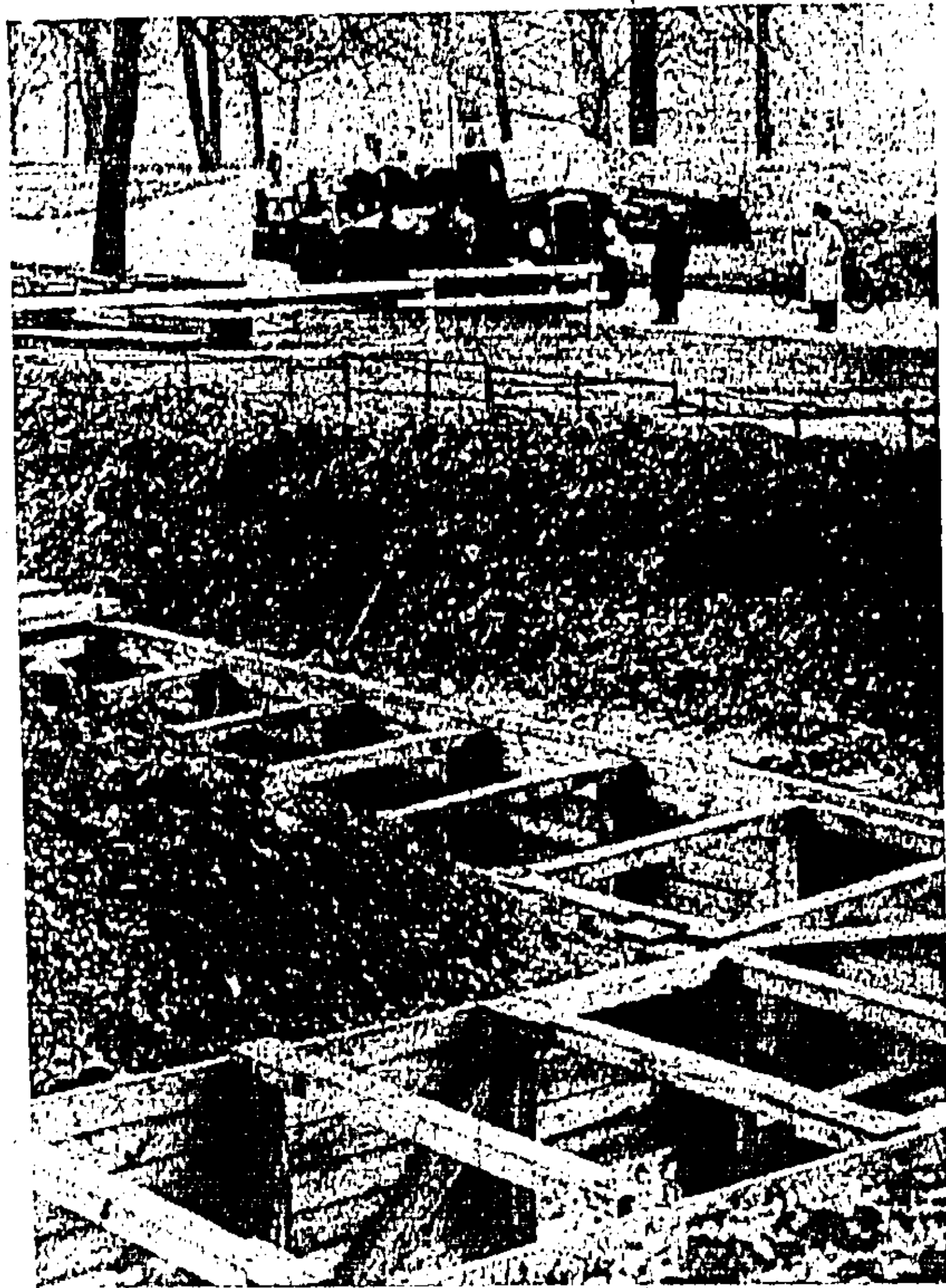
The lack of land frontiers has encouraged England to take the risk of dispensing with land forces. Wind, weather and seamanship have more than once delivered her from paying the penalty. The elements have fought for her, but in two great crises of her his-

tory the elements alone might have been insufficient without the assistance of a Drake and a Nelson. So she muddles on, confidently relying upon an unfailing measure of good luck and an inexhaustible supply of naval genius, and while the whole world is preparing for war the emotions of the House of Commons can only be roused to fever heat by a Milk Bill.

The mind of the country seems resolutely opposed to facing the facts of the situation. A series of diplomatic disasters has snatched only temporarily the imperturbability of the British people. Each time that their slumbers have been disturbed by a painful jolt those who are set in authority over them have felt it their duty to lull them to sleep again as quickly as possible. If there had been a whisper that all was not well with the Navy, they would have woken up with a start and would have stayed awake. Doubts about the Air Force have threatened to produce insomnia and have left behind them most uncomfortable dreams. But nobody bothers about the Army save in so far as it is responsible for the guns to keep away the air raids so that British people may all sleep sound in their beds.

#### SLEEP RETURNS

Now and then some restless spirit may be disturbed on learn-



As it is known, all over Britain during the recent European crisis long trenches were dug for shelters in the event of air raids, for we were on the brink of war. An effort is now being made to clear up some of the debris left after the hurried preparations for trenches during the war scare.

ing that in September Czechoslovakia had between thirty-five and forty well equipped divisions ready to take the field, whereas Great Britain had only two which were by no means ready. But there are experts willing to set at rest any disquiet to which such information may have given rise, Czechoslovakia had no navy, it will be explained; whereas we have the finest navy in the world. Sea power has always been the deciding factor in the past. Air power may prove to be the deciding factor in the future. As for an army, England only needs one to police the Empire, and the army that she has is adequate for the purpose. No nation can be expected to maintain a first rate Navy and Air Force, together with a first rate Army. So doubts are set at rest and sleep returns.

#### FALSE ARGUMENT

But all these arguments are false. Sea power is, of course, vital to an island state and in a world war its importance cannot be exaggerated. But there have been continental wars in which it played no part. In the long struggle against Napoleon, the sea supremacy of England was established at Trafalgar in 1805 but ten years divide Trafalgar from Waterloo. Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Chatfield, speaking recently in the House of Lords in support of the Munich Agreement, laid emphasis on the statement that the Navy's powers were limited to blockade which would only prove effective over a period of years.

The word "defence" has come to play so large a part in English vocabulary that there is a danger lest British people think of war in terms of defence only. When war breaks out, what matters most is to win it—and victory will never come through defensive measures. The Navy can save England from defeat but the Navy alone cannot secure victory.

#### CAN ONLY DESTROY

The Air Force is a new form of artillery, the most mobile and effective artillery ever invented. But artillery can only destroy; it cannot take possession. Artillery cannot flatten the fortifications but until the garrison is driven out or has

surrendered, the stronghold, though in ruins, remains unconquered. After the artillery has knocked down, the infantry has to walk in.

In only one way could action by the Air Force prove decisive. Such suffering might be inflicted upon the civilian population that they would compel the Government to capitulate. Those who think this likely, base their faith upon the cowardice of civilians and the weakness of Ministers. Personally I do not believe in it. I believe on the contrary that if on the first night of war, as many fear, thousands of civilians were massacred by air attack, the reaction of British people would be a grim determination never to make peace with such an enemy save upon their own terms. The rush would be, not to the country, but to the British recruiting offices.

#### NO LIMITED LIABILITY

Grateful as the Government would naturally be to witness such a display of patriotism, their gratitude might be followed by embarrassment if they had no equipment with which to provide the recruits, nor sufficient non-commissioned officers to train them. Should such an eventuality arise, to what extent would the British Government be justified in putting forward the plea that they could not have expected it?

In the first place, it should be plain that if Great Britain is forced to enter into a war upon which the existence of the Empire and the future of civilisation must depend, she will not be able to preserve the principle of limited liability. When the whole of Europe is in arms, she cannot have half the youth of England walking the streets in plain clothes. The majority will demand to fight; the minority will be compelled to. But England cannot build ships fast enough to send them all to sea nor sufficient aeroplanes to set them on wings. It will be only as soldiers that they can serve, and it will be as soldiers that their services will be most urgently needed. It may be that on the other side of the channel against a nation of 80 millions there will be one of 30 millions fighting for the same cause as Great Britain. Is it

conceivable that she shall send them no assistance, or that she shall limit that assistance to an air force and two divisions?

#### ENGLAND NEEDS AN ARMY

One thing is certain. If there is a European War England will need an army. She does not need a vast conscript force in peace time, but by insisting on a certain measure of military training and by preparing the necessary equipment she could make certain of being able to put into the field a respectable army of at least ten or twelve divisions within a month or two of the outbreak of war.

At present, even the very small army that she has is miserably below establishment. A record year in recruiting stimulated by the crisis and by the unflagging efforts of the British Secretary of State for War has hardly made an impression on the shortage. The numbers to-day are insufficient to garrison the British Empire, to meet minor emergencies such as Palestine and to provide adequate training at home. Nor is there any reason to suppose that the recent improvement in recruiting, which has been largely due to lowering the standard of fitness, will be continued.

#### THE PARADOX

This situation would be serious even if there were no possibility of a major war. It is not being rectified, because it cannot be so long as the voluntary principle is retained. The fact should be faced that no preparations are being made in peace time to produce the kind of army that England shall need in war.

Readers of history in the future will rub their eyes with astonishment when they learn that at the end of the fateful year 1938, the small British Army was 23,000 men short of its exiguous establishment and that at the same time there were over 2,000,000 unemployed in the land. And nothing was done about it.

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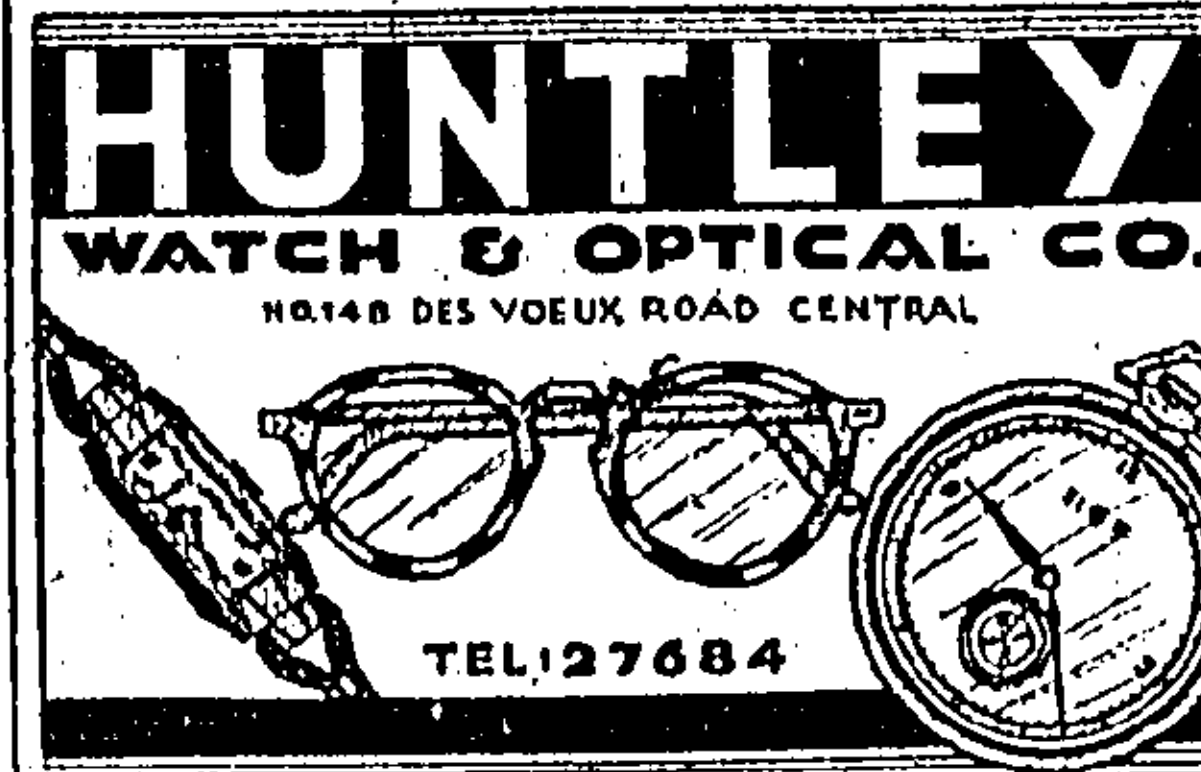
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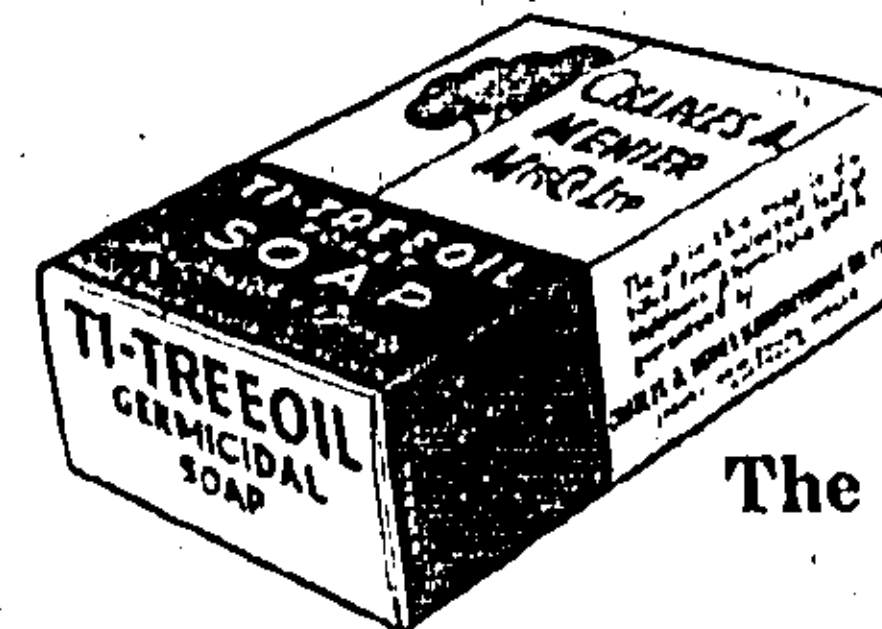
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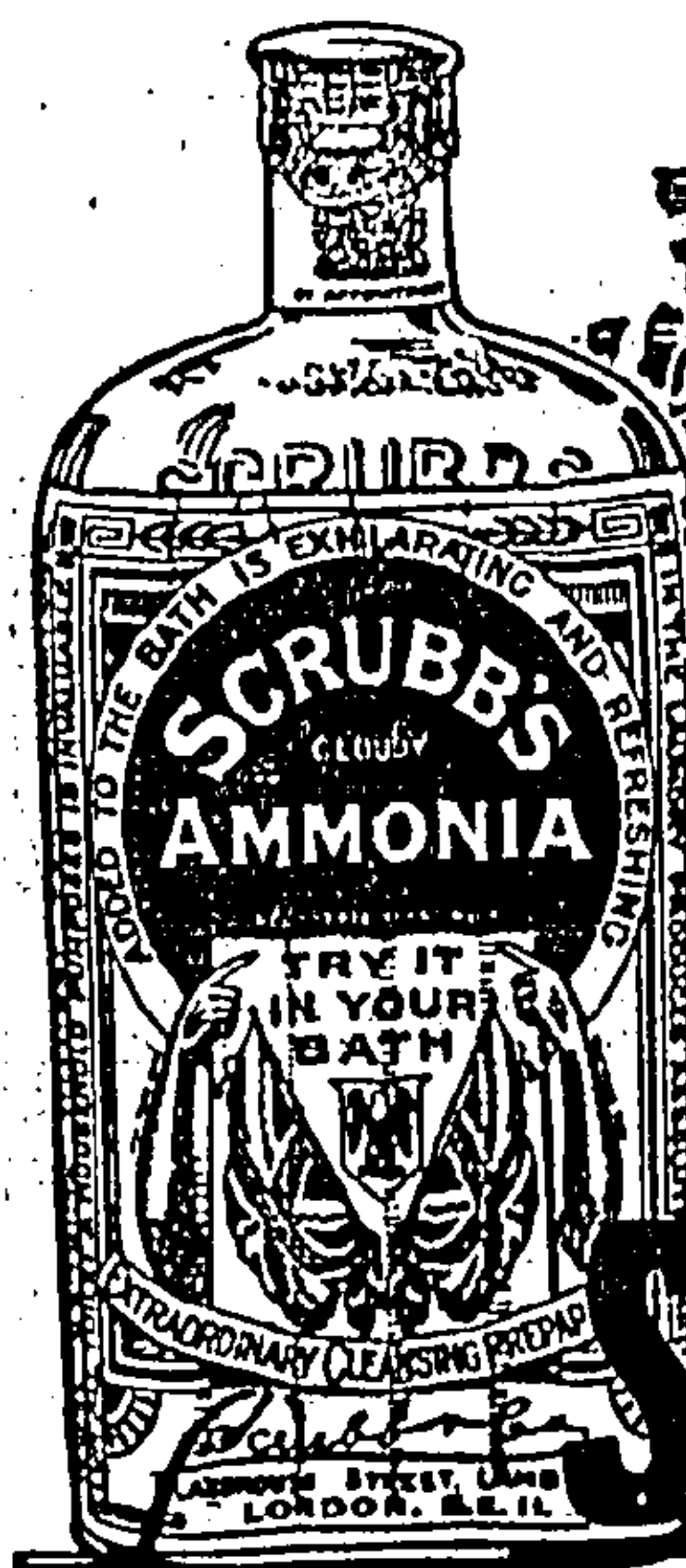
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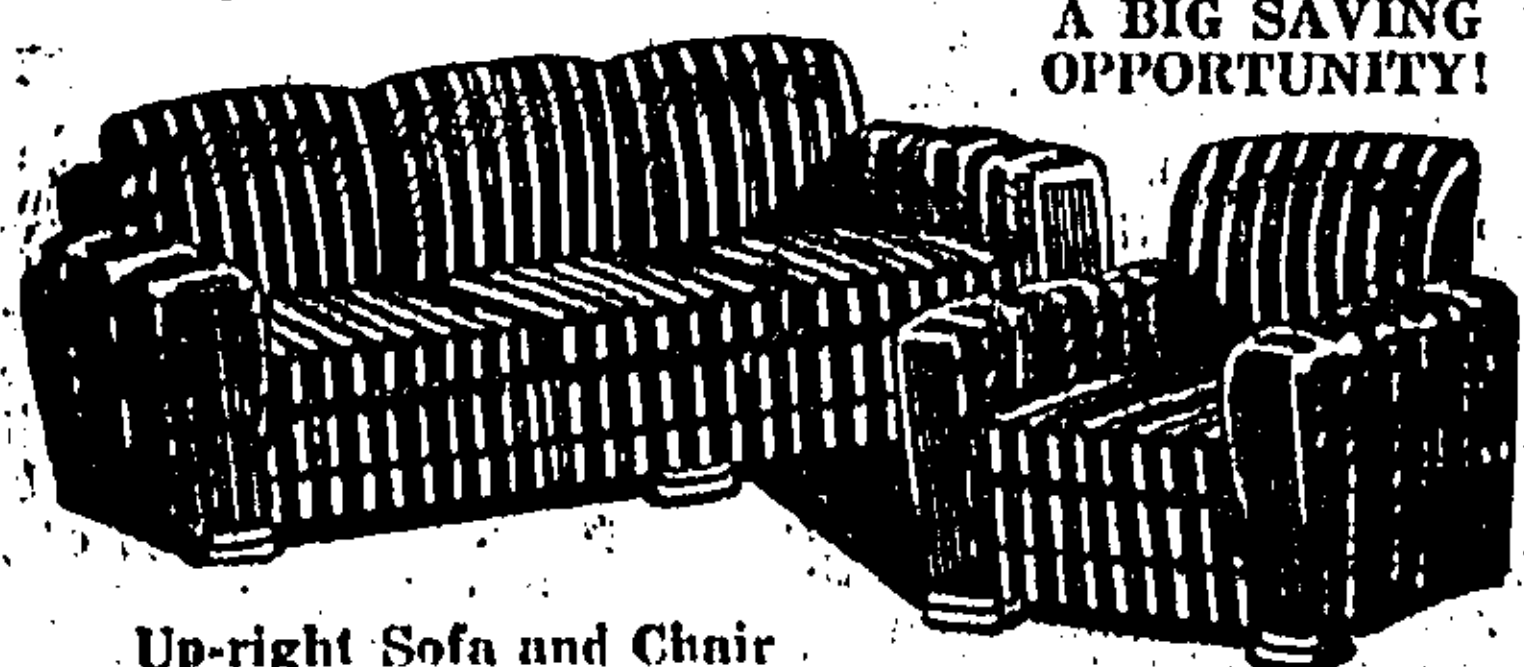
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## CHRISTMASTIDE

We welcome the coming of Christmas—if only for the opportunity it gives of a momentary cessation of anxiety concerning international disturbances and ideological bitternesses; if only for the little while it gives us to sit still.

To sit still—to think of home and love without doubt or fear, to be grateful for what we have without envy, to be in sympathy with the needs and welfare of those perhaps less fortunate, to believe in the power of courage, of kindness and goodwill among men, without forgetting to say so: is this not to know the peace of Christmas?

To contemplate the pleasant things of life, appreciating the comfort of self-control and diligence, enjoying the warmth of smiling faces, forgetting faults and failings, being gentle and courteous: is this not to know the goodwill of Christmas? To watch the giving and the gaiety, to see and hear the laughter of the little ones, to be surrounded by the friendship of friends and the affections of the family, to receive good wishes and greetings from near and far: is this not to know the festival of Christmas?

To sit in thought—wishing that the greatest of all birthdays shall ever be closer to the hearts of men and women the world over so that jealousy, hate, fear of aggression and the suspicion with which we are to-day so sorely beset, will be cast away for ever: is this not the hope of Christmas?

Peace, goodwill, happiness, hope. We want them all in greater measure to-day than perhaps ever before. Is it too much to expect, that the celebration of Christmas at this particular hour of crisis in world affairs will invoke a happier spirit in the hearts of men.

## MILITARY CONTRIBUTION

Announcement that the Government have secured Whitehall's approval of the adoption of a system of fixed military contribution by Hong Kong and have agreed to the rate of \$6,000,000 annually for the next five years, has been received with somewhat mixed feelings.

The Hong Kong taxpayer agrees readily enough to the fixed assessment, in principle. The advantages require no emphasis. But the situation being what it is, he questions, strongly, the equitability of a \$6,000,000 assessment.

A similar suggestion a few years ago would have been received almost with levity; it would have appeared as an absurdity in the then prevailing conditions. For 1938, now drawing to a close, upon which the \$6,000,000 is presumably based, has been an exceptional year in more ways than one, and outstandingly so as regards Government revenue.

There is, unfortunately, no reason to-day to suppose that 1938 will repeat the good fortune of 1937. The situation may not be nearly so black as it has been painted and we do not believe it is; but calculations on a more pessimistic basis than was possible when official estimates were drafted are warranted. Except by straining the Colony's economy by imposition of fresh taxation, our revenue seems unlikely to reach a total which would render straight payment of \$6,000,000 a profitable alternative to the system going into the discard.

The general principle of the change is sound enough: it just so happens that circumstances have decreed that the present is not the happiest moment for it.

None of that mellowing of tempers and anti-pathies which, among individuals, blossoms towards

the eve of Christmas, has been detectable in international affairs. To the contrary, there has been a marked deterioration in relations between the United States and Germany and between the United States and Japan. In Europe, Italy caused much diplomatic fluttering by denouncing the Franco-Italian Agreement of 1935 and by activities in Hungary giving rise to much speculation. On her part, Japan, stung by the British and American loans to China, restated her China policy in terms giving no reason for supposing that there will be any room in a Japanised-China for third Powers who take measures prejudicial to the Japanese programme.

No word other than "sensation" accurately expresses the feeling provoked by the vituperative speech of the U.S. Minister of the Interior attacking Nazi Germany. Mr. Ickes used language which the Nazi leaders are more accustomed to using than to hearing employed against themselves. That was bad enough, but the sense of insult was never so deeply felt in Berlin as when, Mr. Sumner Welles, invited by demarche to apologise for the unpardonable indiscretions of his Administration colleagues, bluntly refused to do so, made it plain that Mr. Ickes was not merely expressing his own views on the subject of Herr Hitler's Germany, and that Germany might expect more in the same line if she persisted in the policy she was pursuing. Official Germany attributed Washington's attitude to chagrin at the success of totalitarian lobbying at Lima. No one ventured an opinion on what Mr. Chamberlain thought about it all.

The Prime Minister has been having his own, domestic, difficulties. During the week, it became apparent, with junior Ministers in revolt, and barely concealed friction in higher places, that Munich split the Ministry far more severely than was marked by the resignation of the First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Hore-Belisha has

## THIS WEEK

been the butt of vicious attacks from political foes. Sir Thomas Inskip is feeling little happier and Earl Winterton has had a bad year all round. Drastic reshuffle of the Cabinet in the New Year may avert a general election, but hints that Mr. Eden will return seem to be premature. Mr. Chamberlain's shake-up would have to be more severe than appears to be contemplated to permit Mr. Eden to enter in with an easy conscience.

In the House of Commons, the Opposition annoyed Mr. Chamberlain by a manner of attack on his proposed visit to Rome which called into question both his motives and integrity. His rebuke was well deserved. The question of whether or not the journey is likely to be worth while was, however, far more sharply raised by the action of the Italian Government in denouncing the Franco-Italian Agreement of 1935. Italy made it clear that she desired to restore to the discussion table the 1915 Pact under which Italy was bargained on to the side of the Allies in the Great War. Mr. Chamberlain goes to Rome in the hope of ending friction over the Mediterranean once and for all, while faced with the most unequivocal demand of Mussolini for expansion in North Africa. The Premier must be pondering what is the least reward of his appeasement policy—encouragement or thanks.

Prince Konoye's declaration of Japanese policy in the Far East, heralded as a peace offer, bore rather more of a resemblance to another warning-off notice to Great Britain and the United States. The Chinese represented a reshuffle of the famous 21 Demands put the situation in a nutshell as far as China was concerned. The phrase: "nor does she (Japan) intend to demand of China to limit the interests of those third Powers who grasp the meaning of new East Asia and are willing to act accordingly," must be self-explanatory from Britain's point of view. Prince Konoye

could hardly have been more emphatic had he added: There will be no room for those who are not prepared to conform.

Significant, too, was the failure of the so-called "Joint Commission" of the puppet governments to proceed with the programme arranged in Peiping. Official explanation was bad weather, interfering with an air trip. The fact that a railway journey, Tientsin-Peiping, takes a couple of hours, seems to have been overlooked. Odd, in view of the importance of the agenda, tariff revision, control of imports and exports, and so on. Fact that Japan is not quite so confident as hitherto that Britain and the United States will take further kicks lying down may be ventured as one more genuinely likely explanation. Or maybe Prince Konoye still believes that foreign observers never read between the lines.

Wang Ching-wei's sudden departure from Chungking to Hanoi was inevitably linked with the Japanese "peace offer," an idea which Japanese propagandists did nothing to discount. Most likely to discourage belief in such a rumour is the patent absurdity of China's maintenance of "gallant resistance," no long if prepared to abandon it just at the moment when signs of active third Power aid are forthcoming.

Central European politics remain a centre of attraction. The assiduity of efforts to wean Hungary from the idea of a link with Poland, over Carpatho-Ukraine, appears to have succeeded with Count Ciano's support of German ideas, a fact which neither Poland nor Rumania is expected to greet with loud applause. Yugoslavia is next on Ciano's list, after he has listened to what Mr. Chamberlain has to say. What the Prime Minister can do towards checking "orderly progress" is, however, more than difficult to assess.

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## Battle Of Ideas: By The Master Of Balliol Opening A Series On "Freedom"

WE take for granted that democracy and freedom in some way go together. Obviously they do, as a matter of fact, appear together, though we may not be able to explain the connection. It is, at least, roughly true that there is more personal liberty in a democracy than under other forms of government.

There is a famous passage in the defence of the democracy of Athens, put by Thucydides into the mouth of Pericles, which finely expresses the connection between these two things:—

"Our Constitution is named a democracy because it is in the hands not of the few, but of the many. But our laws secure equal justice for all in their private disputes and our public opinion values and honours talent in every branch of achievement, not for any sectional reason, but on grounds of excellence alone. And as we give free play to all in our public life, so we carry the same spirit into our daily relations with one another."

"We have no black looks, or angry words for our neighbour if he enjoys himself in his own way, and we abstain from the little acts of churlishness which, though they leave no mark, yet cause annoyance to those who notice them."

"Open and friendly in our private intercourse, in our public acts we keep strictly within the control of law. We acknowledge the restraint of reverence: we are obedient to whomsoever is set in authority, and to the laws, more especially to those which offer protection to the oppressed and those unwritten freedoms of voluntary groups."

ordinances whose transgression brings admitted shame."

These are, of course, fine words. I doubt if Athens always lived up to them. Modern defenders of democracy can make these words of Pericles their own, admit how far actual modern democracies fall short of such an ideal, and yet claim that the spirit and temper described in the passage are as clearly recognisable in modern democracies as they are clearly absent in the dictatorships.

That is the first point I want to make. The difference between democracies and dictatorships is not always easy to define; but the difference of spirit animating these two kinds of Government is clear enough to everybody.

They feel different, and that difference of spirit is closely concerned with the very different ways in which they regard personal liberty and freedom.

Can we make the difference clearer? I suggest we can in this way. The democracies and the totalitarian States differ profoundly in their conception of the relation of the Government to society. The democrat believes that the State exists to serve and foster the free spontaneous life of society in its churches, its voluntary associations, in all the multifarious activities of individuals.

The democrat believes in a free society, believes that law and the State exist to serve freedom—not to isolate individuals—but the real freedom of voluntary groups.

The democrat will, therefore, always use and encourage voluntary organisation, voluntary effort, even at some price of efficiency. He will realise that discussion and criticism and free speech are the lifeblood of society.

If he acquiesces in an increase in the compulsory powers of the State, as he often must do, especially in time of crisis, he will do so because he believes that such increase of compulsion is the necessary means to save this free society in those circumstances and at that time. He will, as Walt Whitman says, "be quick to rise against the never-ending audacity of elected persons." He will be keenly alive to the evils of uncriticised power.

The totalitarian thinks that society exists for the State; believes that authority and compulsion are good for their own sake; hates and distrusts variety and difference and criticism; wants people to think alike and be alike, all cut after one pattern, "Gleichgeschaltet," as the Germans say.

If we, as a nation, are true to this spirit of democracy, cherish the temper of a free and voluntary society as the only thing for which the State exists, and if we insist that our Government shall be the same, then we can judge on their merits, as on occasion arises, all questions as to what compulsory powers a Government should have.

If we lose that spirit, and cease to believe in voluntary effort and its inestimable value, if we acquiesce easily in the suppression of criticism and discussion and free speech, then no attempt to lay down general rules as to what Governments may or may not do will help us.



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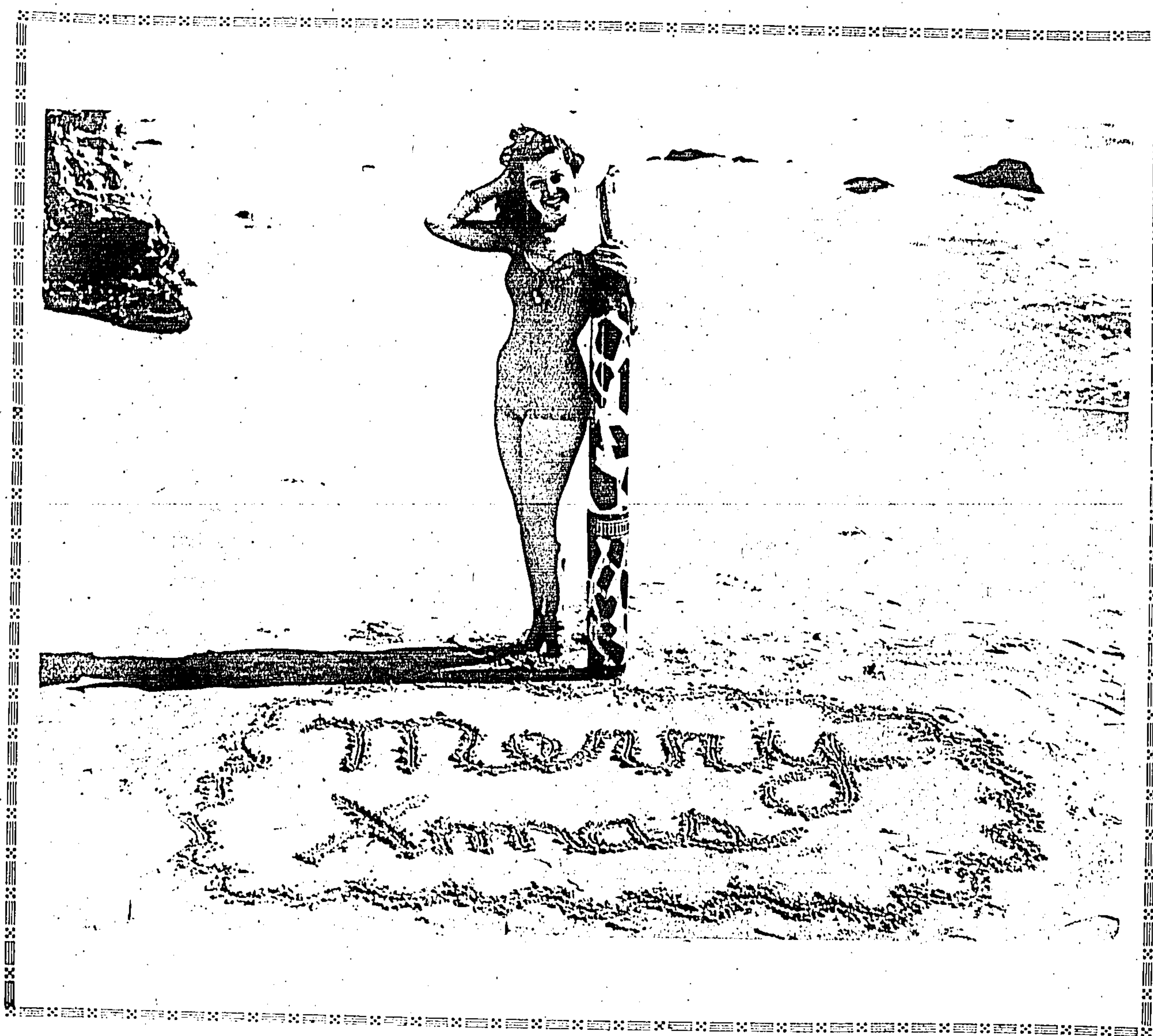
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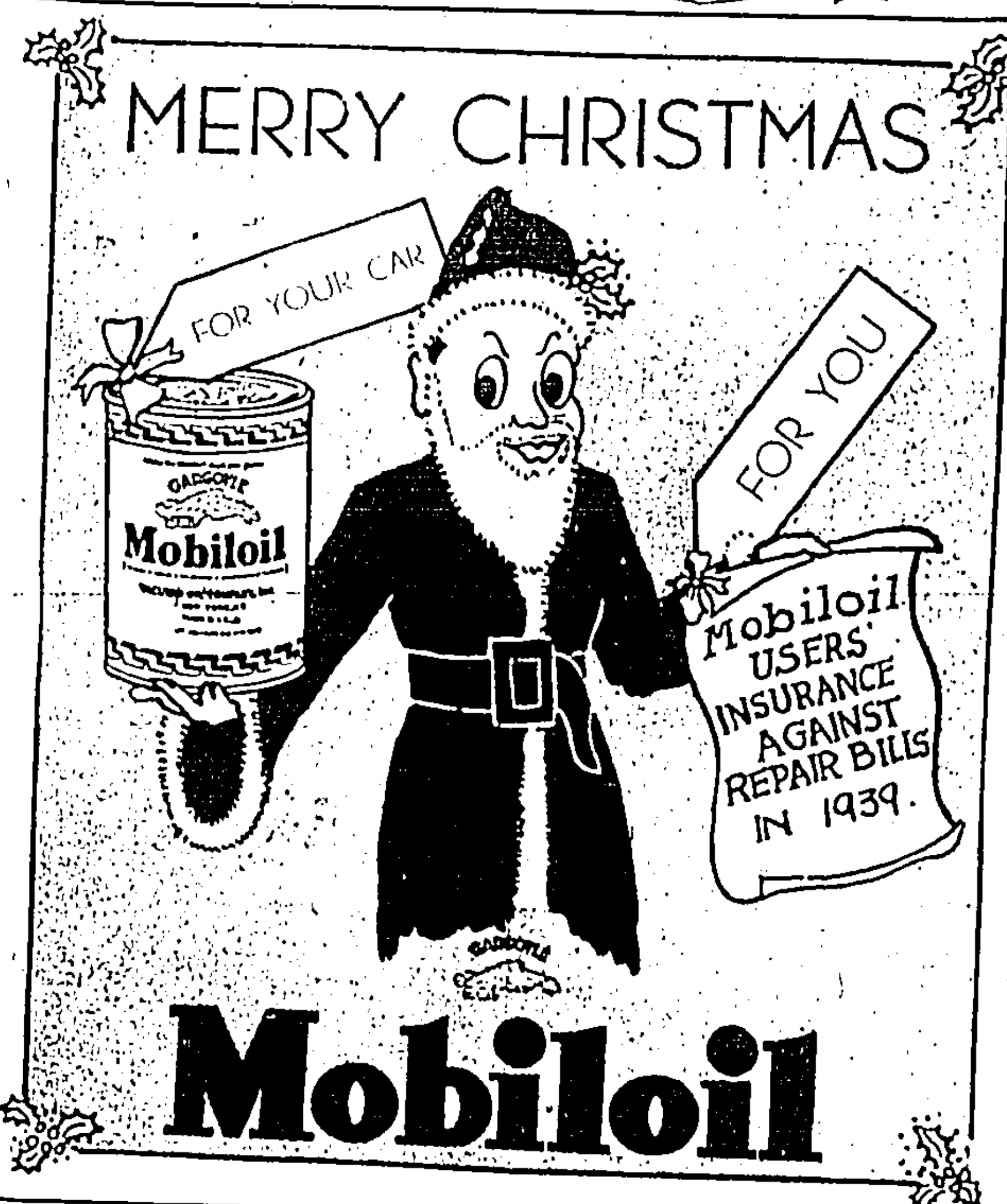


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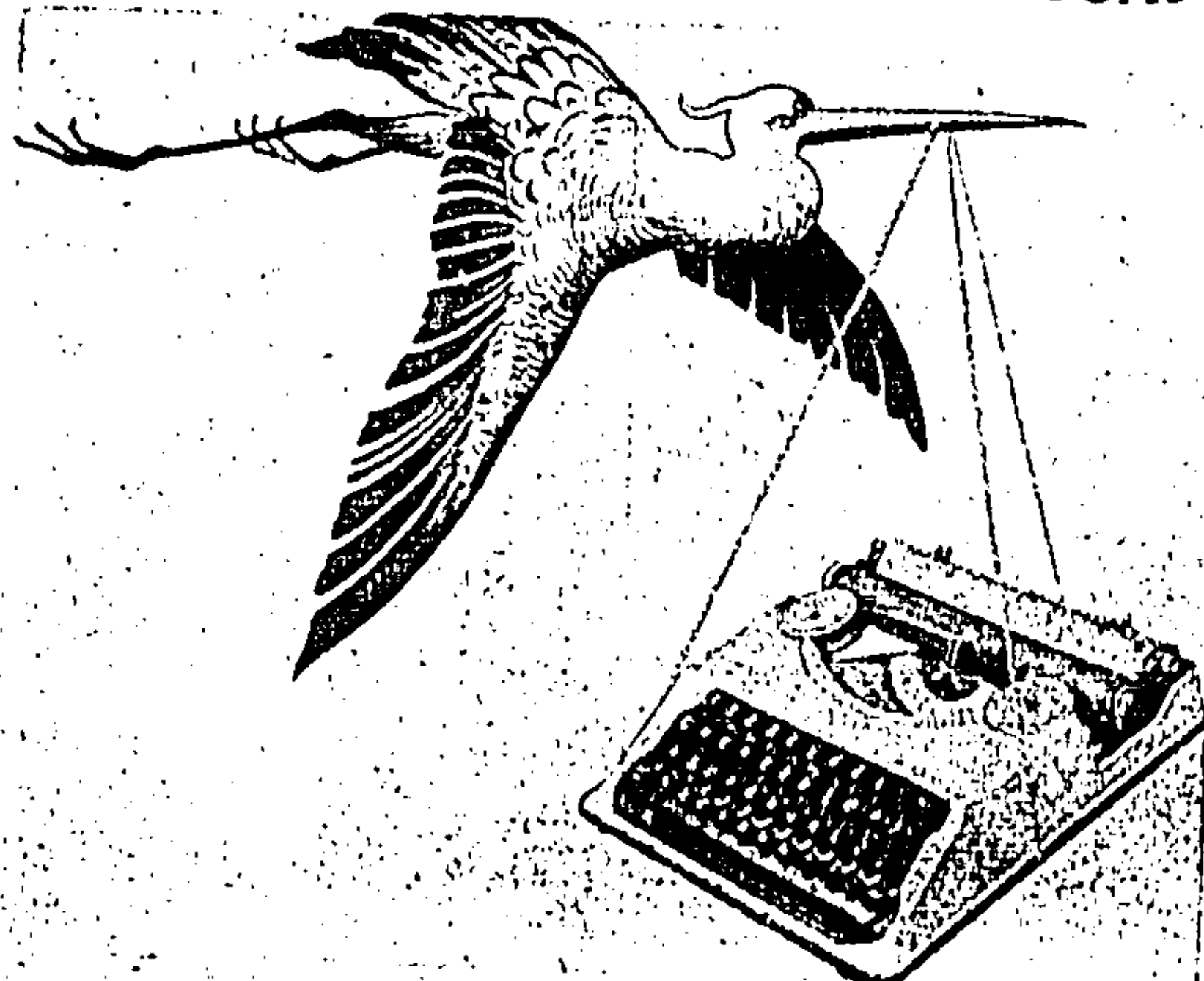
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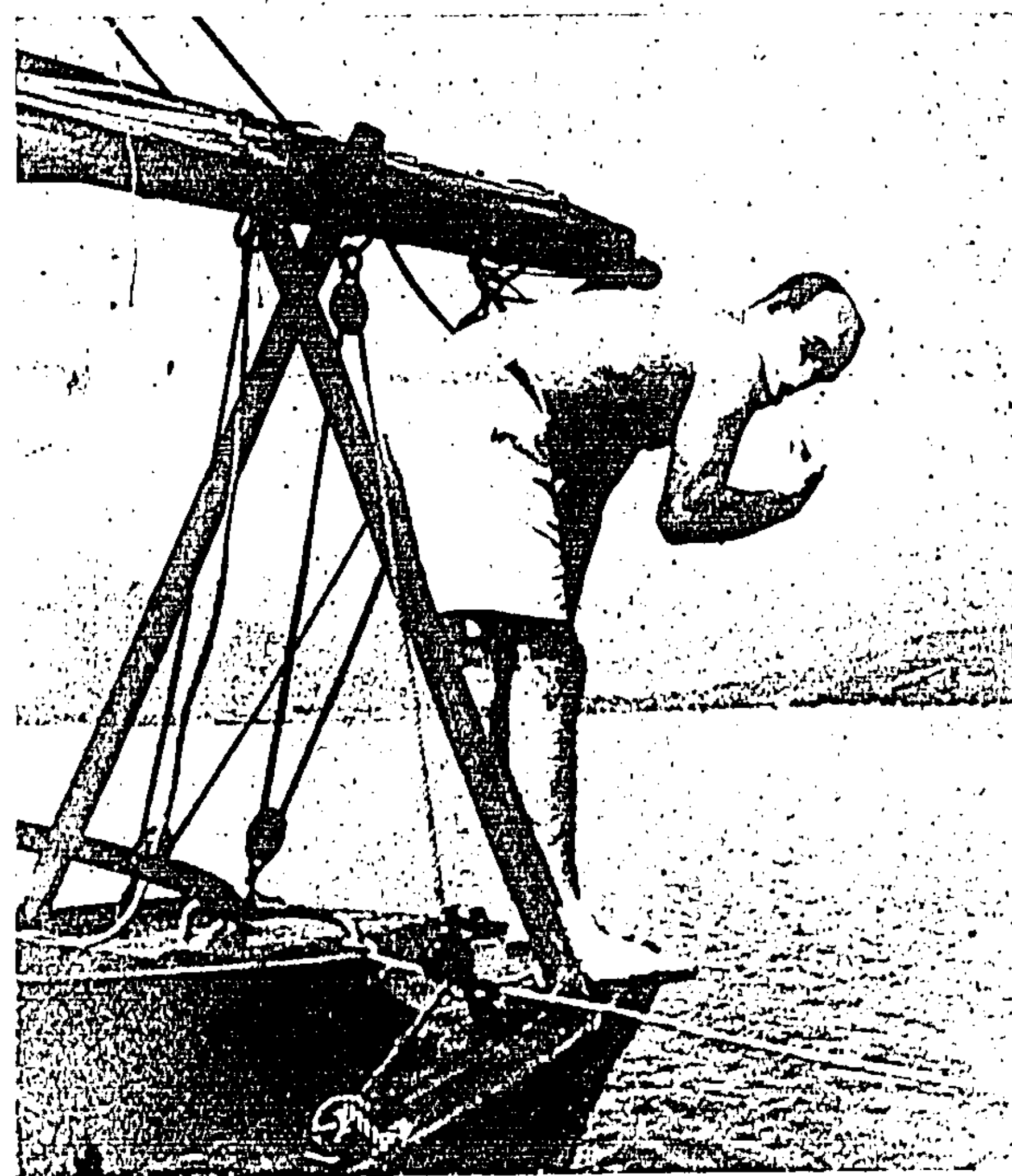


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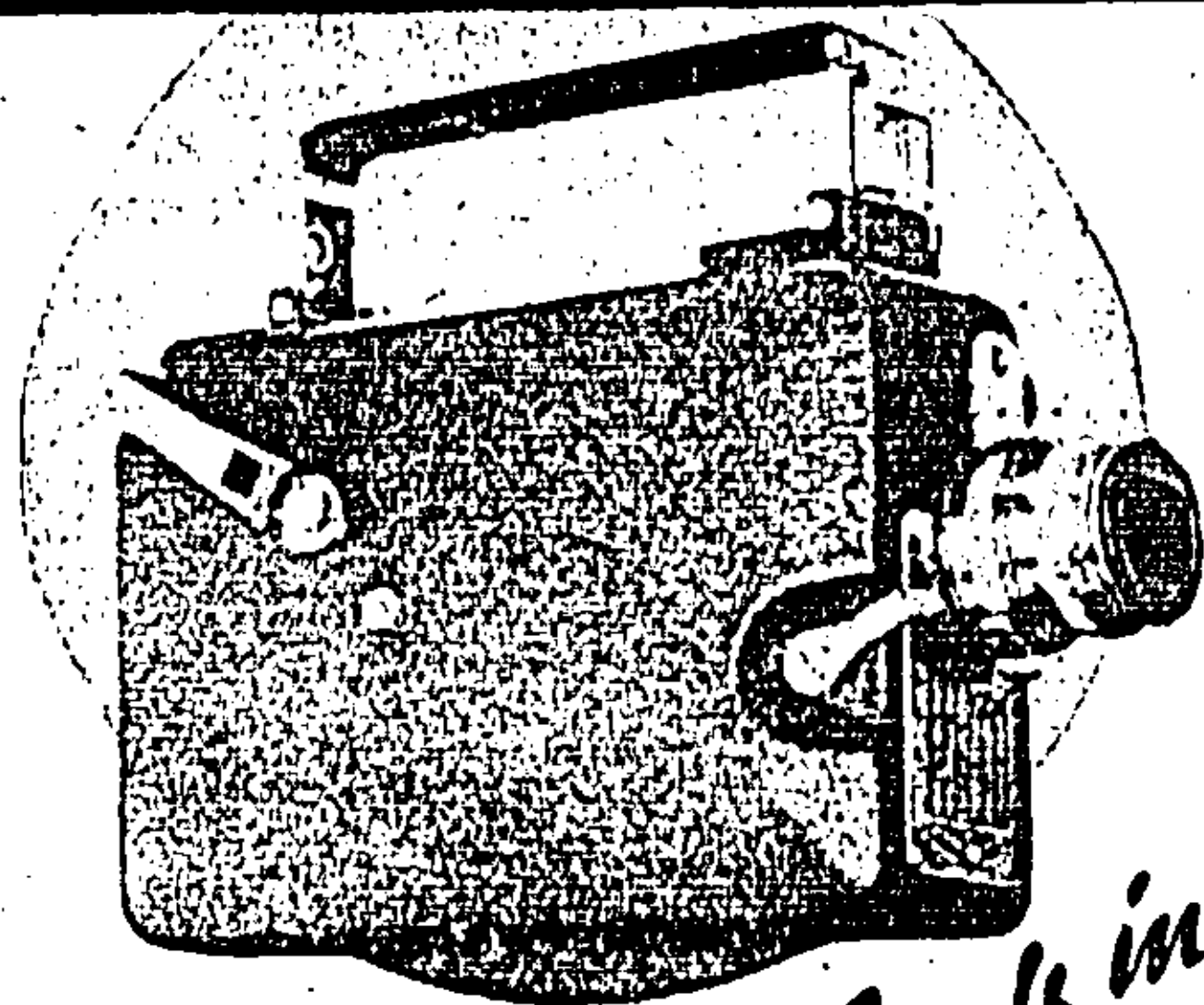


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#### By "Shutter"

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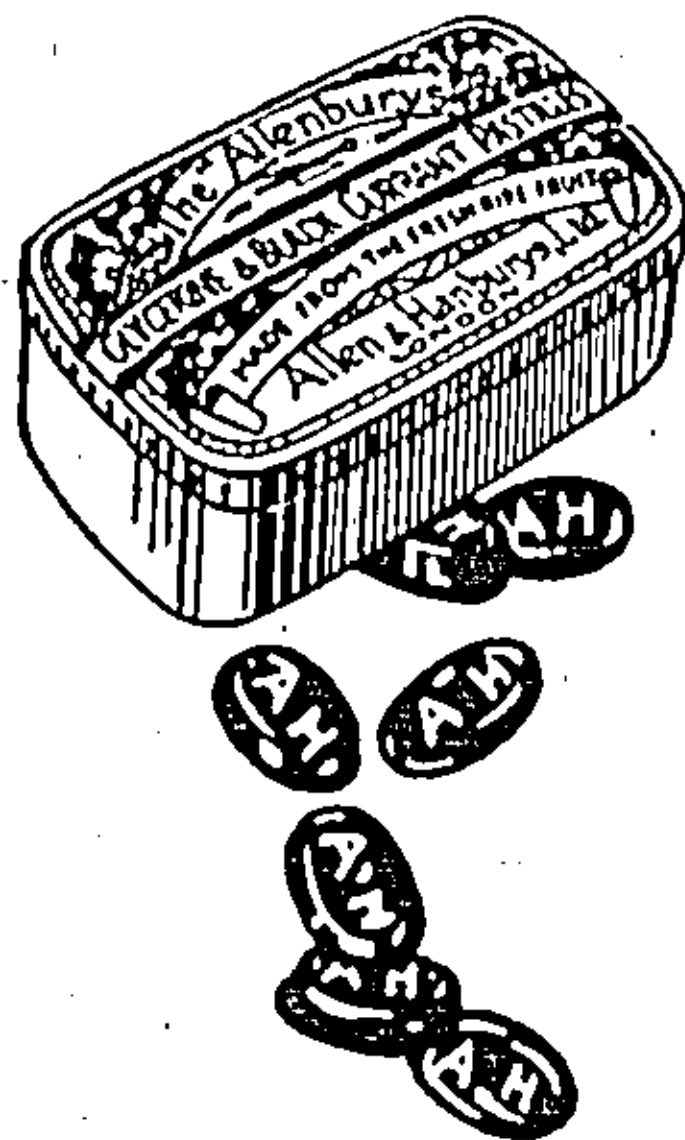




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Unlike the other tribesmen of Africa, the Zulu carries on his courtship and marriage with a solemn sense of humour, and also with poetry and love. One of the most picturesque ceremonies is the "magic of the water."

A young warrior named Saso, who had on several occasions



asked me to take him into my service, was suffering pangs of unrequited love for the daughter of a witch doctor whose kraal was not far from my camp. Having heard the gossip about Saso's love, and suspecting that soon, inevitably, he would seek occult intervention in his affairs, I arranged to pass some hours every day watching the pool where I knew that the "magic of the water" always took place.

In a thick grove of trees at the edge of the water I concealed myself, my camera, and a good telephoto lens. Nothing happened the first day, nor the second, nor the third. But on the fourth morning luck was with me.

At the bottom of that little valley between the two bare hills was a large spring.

Suddenly a native girl appeared, a "virgin," as the Zulus optimistically call every maiden, coming down to the little oasis of peace and cool tranquillity. Her hips awayed from side to side in the harmonious rhythm which kept in perfect equilibrium the large jar of terra cotta on her head.

She stopped upon a large stone jutting out into the water, glanced quickly around. No one was visible in the quiet valley. With a swift movement she untied a knot, the blanket she wore draped about her fell to the ground, and her strong, beautifully formed young body was revealed. With a shiver of pleasure at the touch of the cool water, the virgin waded into the pool and stood a moment, knee-deep. Then, taking the jar from her head, she put it down upon the rock and plunged into the sparkling water.

The bath finished, she prepared to emerge, troubling not at all to dry herself—the hot sun would do the job. She filled her jar, lifted it to her head, and stooping with perfect balance picked up her blanket and draped it around her body. Then she departed for distant hut, singing in a high-pitched, shrill voice an ingenuous and happy song.

Now from behind the rock the young warrior cautiously appeared.

For more than an hour he had hidden, unaware of me, crouching in the cold water, completely indifferent to the discomfort of his position.

With elaborate caution he moved stealthily through the pool until he reached the exact spot where the girl had bathed. He took up some water in his two cupped hands, filled his mouth with it, violently expelled it, and murmured an incantation, fixing his eyes intently on the vanishing form of the girl.

Once, twice, thrice. Then the serious, concentrated expression which had furrowed his brow during this strange manoeuvre disappeared, and a radiant, satisfied smile illumined his face. Collecting his assegais and shield which he had concealed in the high grass, he went joyously on his way. He had successfully accomplished the magic of the water, and he had not betrayed his actions.

He had with all the strength of his mind murmured the incantation compelling her to love him. Therefore she must. He had filled his mouth with the water that had touched, surrounded, and caressed her. Therefore she must become his wife, for he had assumed the properties of that water; and like that water he must touch, surround, and caress the young woman so beautiful in his eyes.

Only two days later I was spending a morning in observing the activities of a young Zulu

## By Attilio Gatti

woman called Matusini, who was the "witch doctor of love" and whose kraal was perched on the top of the "hill of the marriage."

Matusini was a merry individual, constantly breaking forth into peals of laughter; and her eyes, brimming with happiness, were a good propaganda for her profession. She wore the typical coiffure, ornaments, and insignia of her calling, the most interesting feature of which was a sort of transparent veil draped about her body and fringed with a row of little bells that tinkled.

Suddenly I noticed the virgin of the pool running eagerly up the hill. She paid not the slightest attention to me, on reaching the top, but began to chatter to the sorceress with such candor and enthusiasm that I was soon in no doubt of her feelings.

"Saso is beautiful," she babbled. "He is strong, oh Matusini, and he is rich, too, because his father died a few moons ago leaving to him all his cows. And I love him. Give me your most powerful love enchantment, Matusini!"

The witch doctor answered with a good-humoured laugh. Then she gave the girl—Marekani was her name—a magic bracelet, telling her that she must not take it from her arm until her marriage,



and that she must gaze at it every day, thinking with all her strength, "He will love me."

Finally, with a significant glance in my direction, she drew near the girl and whispered in her ear for a long time. What she told her must have been quite pleasant and reassuring, for presently Marekani bounded away.

When I asked Matusini if the enchantment were sure to work, she replied with her contagious smile, "It has already worked. And so has the one I taught to Saso three days ago already worked."

"The one of the spring?" I asked her.

For a moment she stared at me in surprise, then laughed.

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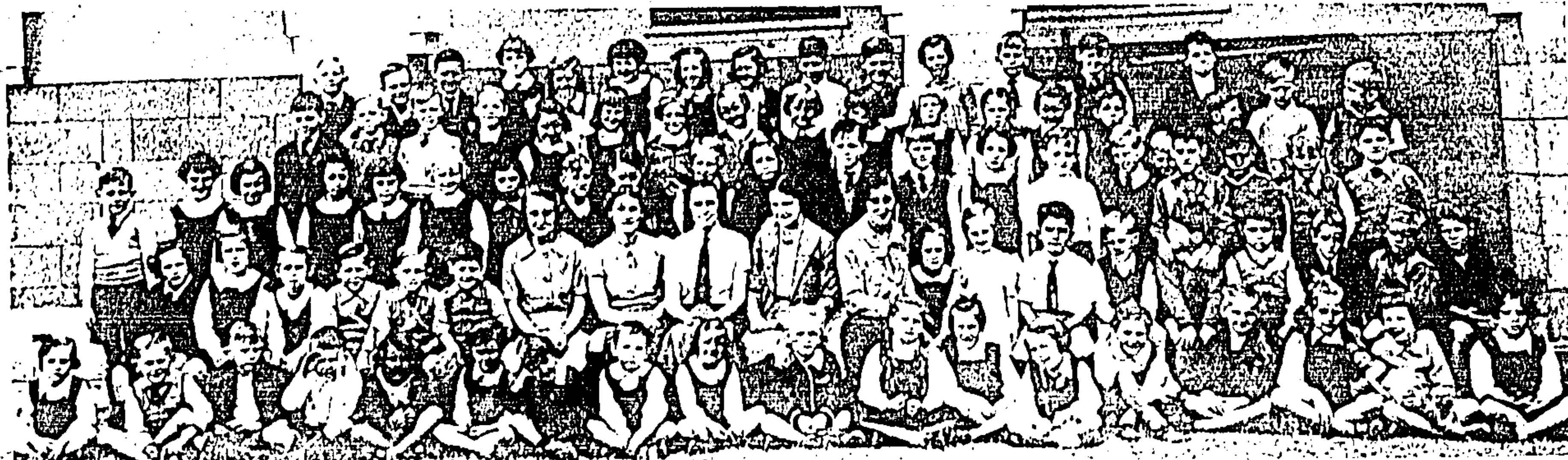
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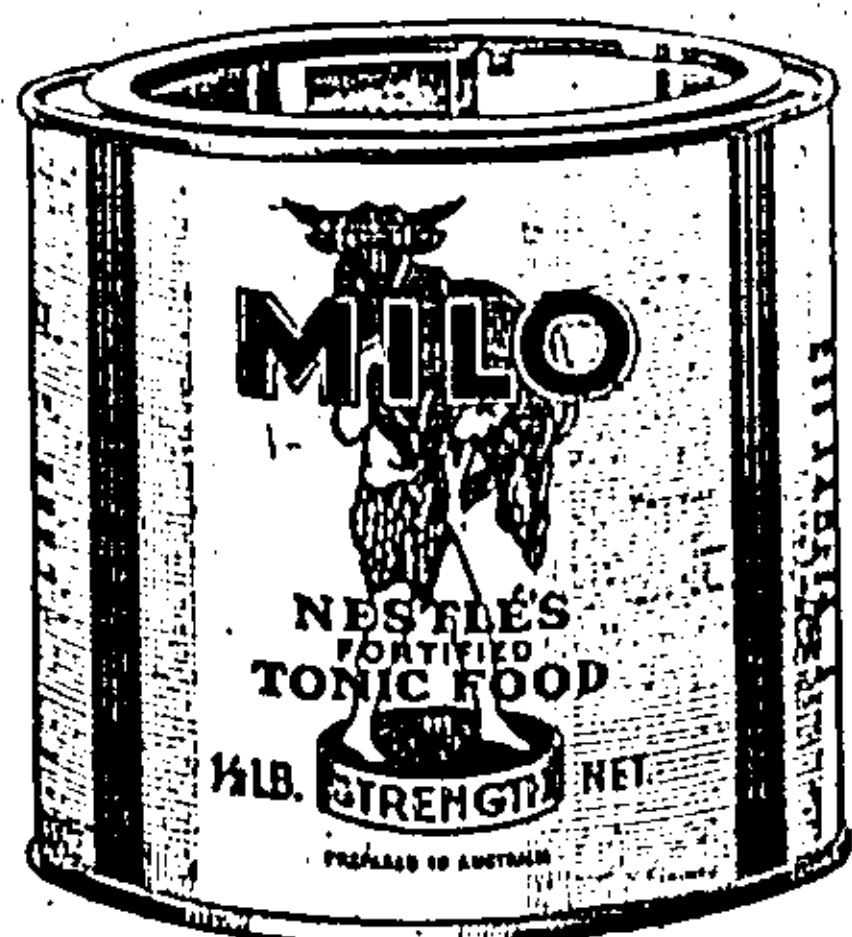
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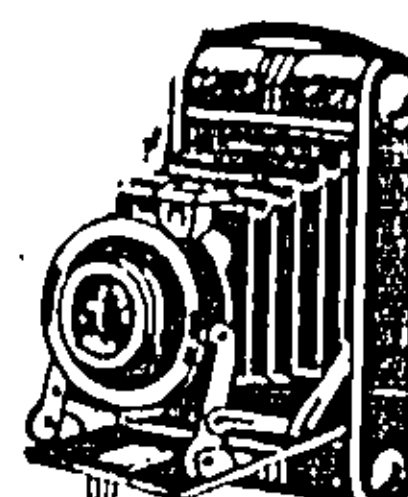


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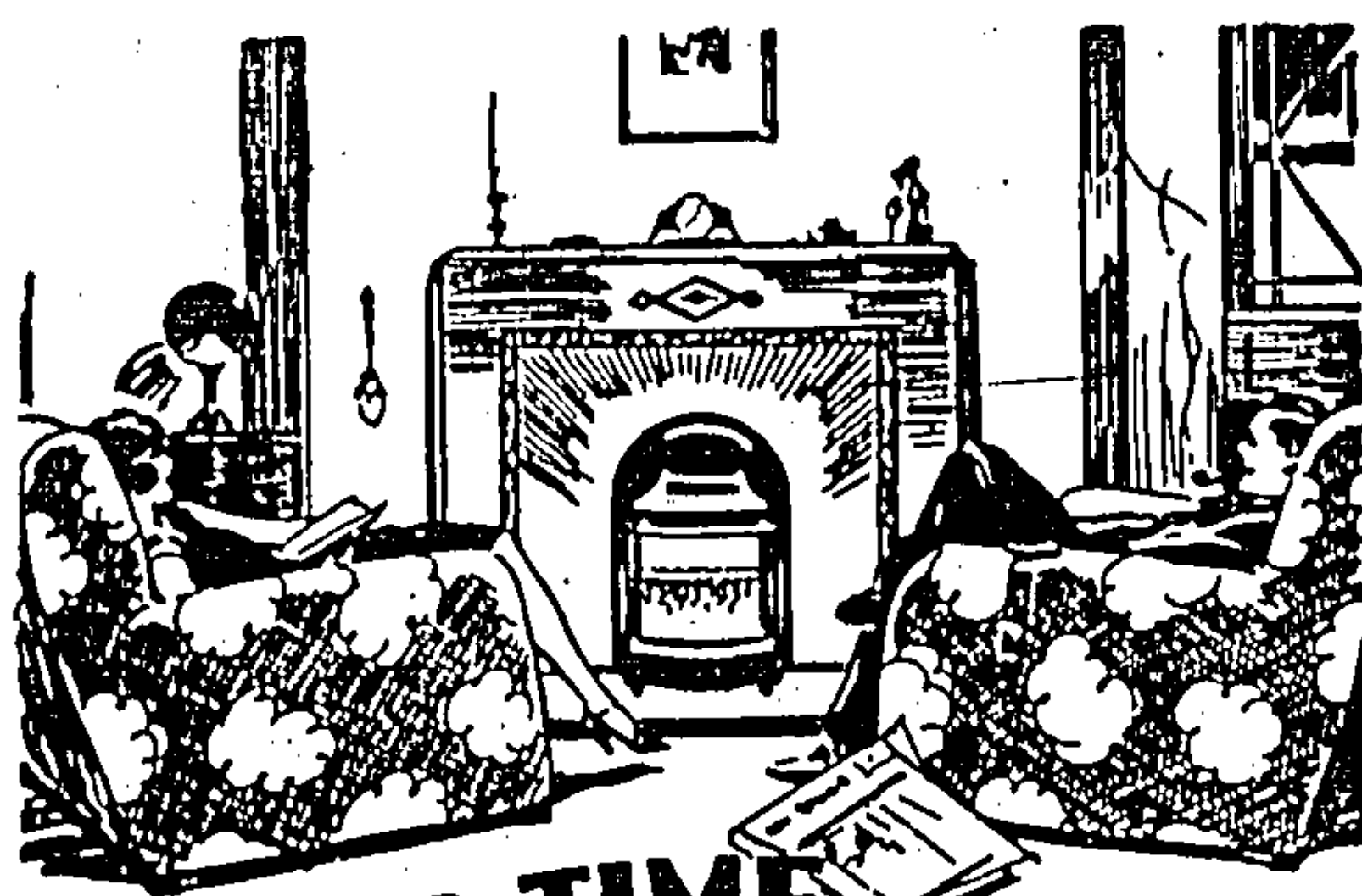
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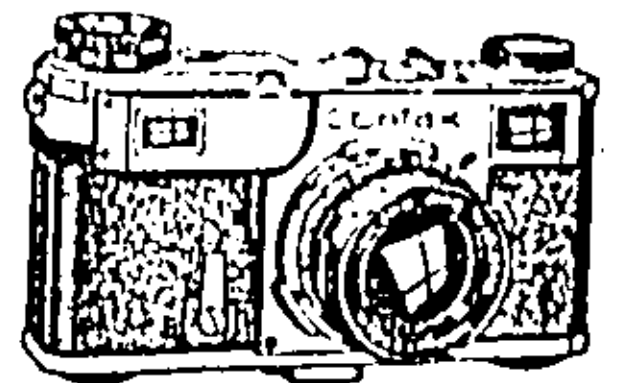


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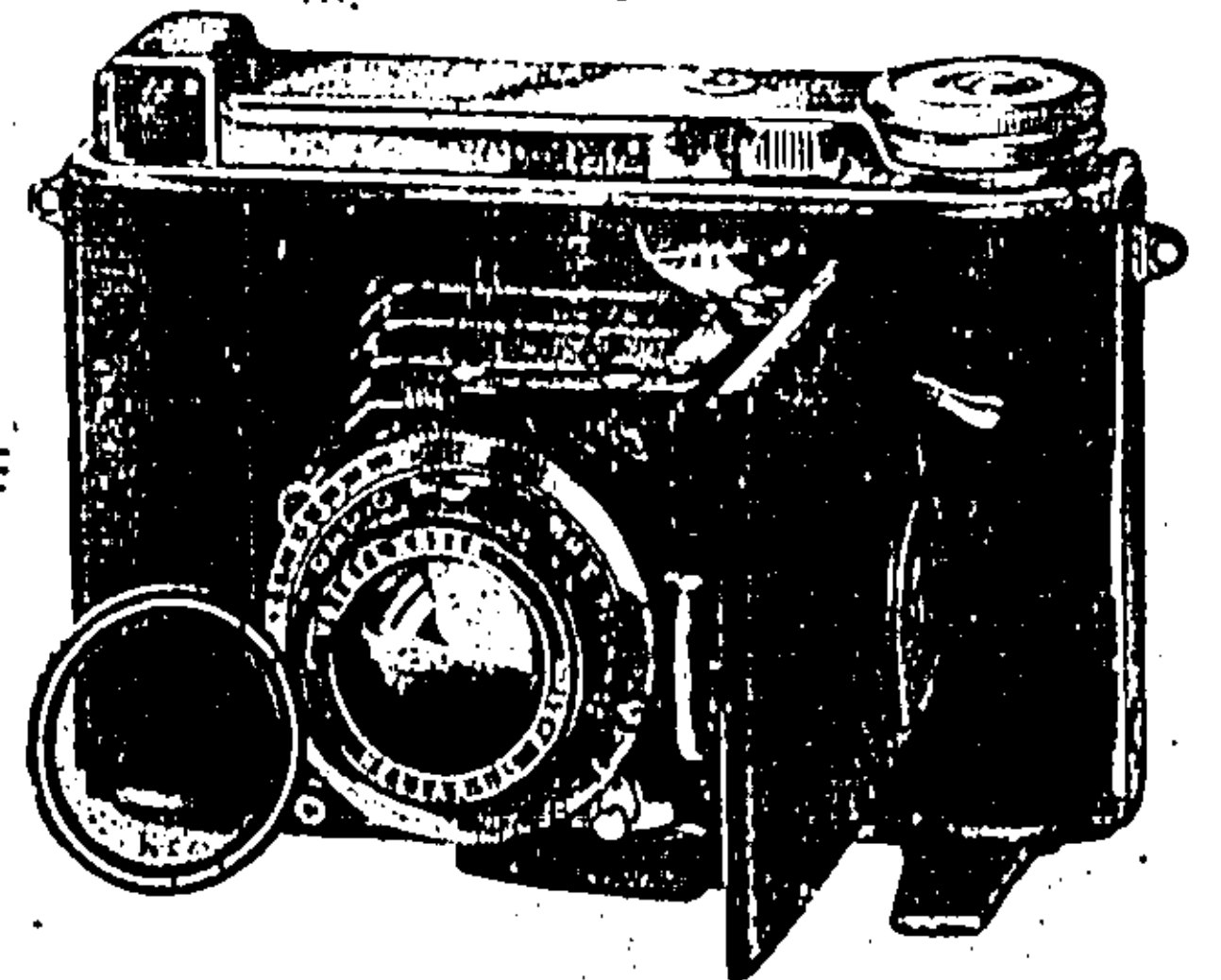
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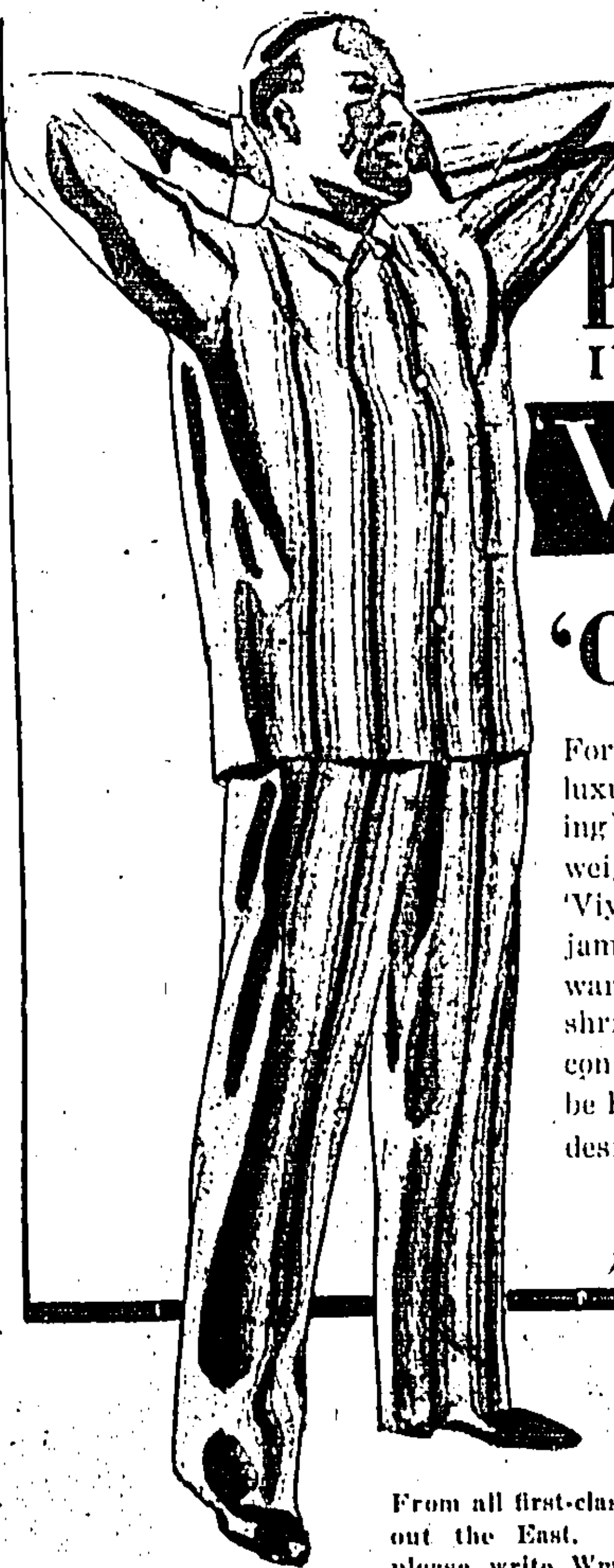
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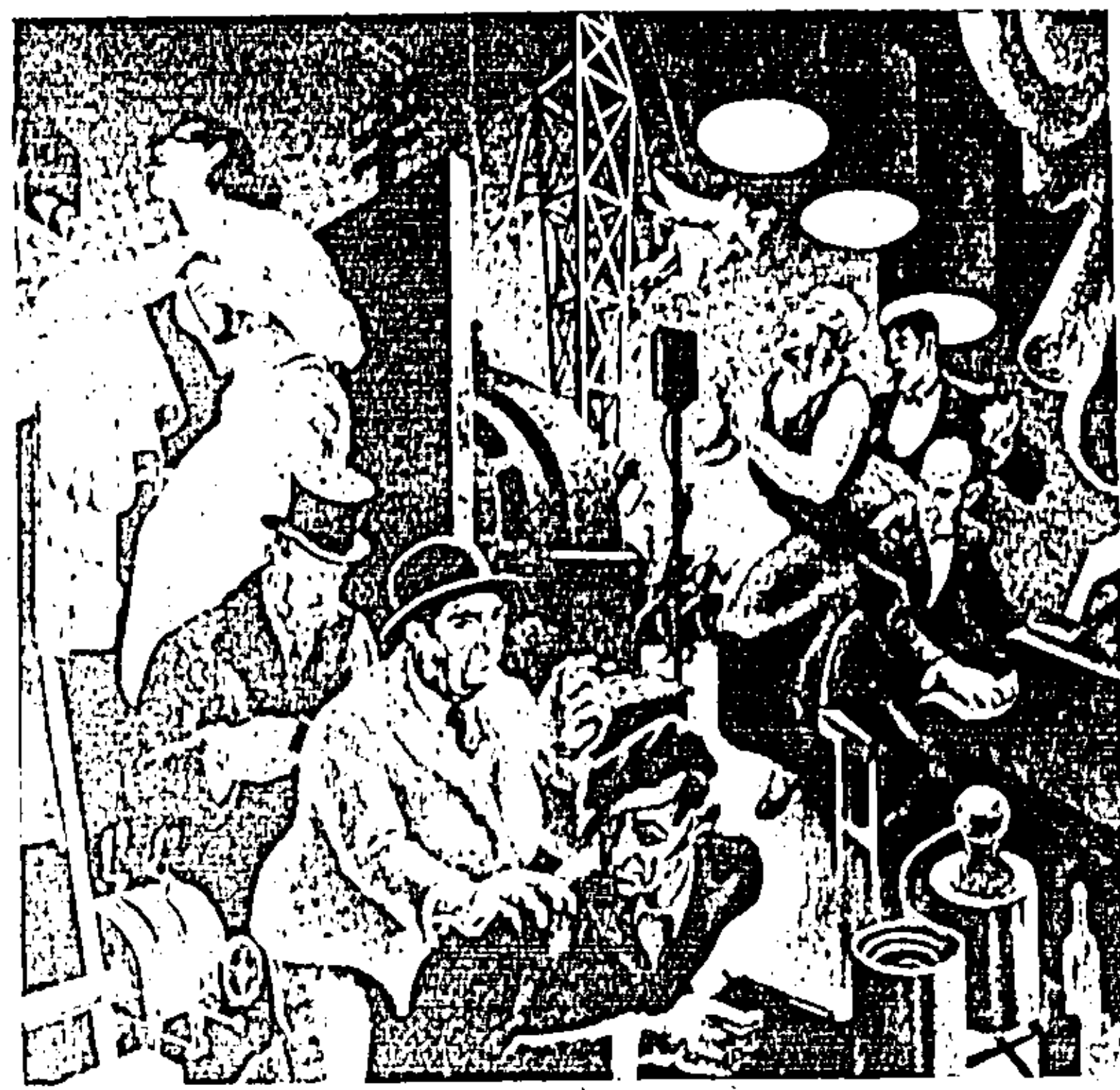
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The Fantastic Playground Of The Mind Asleep.

## DO YOU DREAM?

FOR a long time modern psychology was at a loss to understand the causation and significance of dreams, and as a result several rather fantastic explanations were offered by various schools of thought. Perhaps the least probable of them all was the solution given by a certain group of psychoanalysts who related all dreams to the love-life of the individual, explaining that the unconscious is filled with erotic problems which flood the mind during sleep. During sleep, they claimed, the "censor" is unwary and the latent sexual desires and impulses which we repress from the conscious mind appear in the form of dreams. And to prove their point they have drawn up an arbitrary table of dream-symbols, which gives the sexual significance of every dream.

But experimental psychology was not satisfied with this hard and fast answer to an age-old problem, and extensive research has thrown new light on the whole subject. Artificially-induced dreams convinced these scientists of the intimate relationship between this nocturnal secret and outside stimuli of the senses. Sight is the first sense to come under the influence of sleep, as all readers know. The eyelid grows heavy, the print blurs. We shut off the light, hear the tooting of an automobile horn in the distance, and are suddenly asleep.

The sense of hearing is the first to awake, as it was the last to succumb to sleep. Indeed there are some people whose ears never seem to sleep; they catch the slightest sounds, much to their annoyance, and find themselves deprived of their necessary rest. And here, in the normal course of events, is where the dream steps in: in its capacity to prolong sleep. It transforms the outside irritations into all sorts of mental images, thus deceiving the nervous system. Sound and light stimuli, working in conjunction with the memory, produce these dreams in the unconscious. However, dreams are powerless to prolong sleep in the face of opposition from an insistent alarm-clock or the bright rays of the sun!

Various methods to investigate the effects of different sense-stimuli on sleeping subjects have been tried with enlightening re-

sults. For instance, stones thrown lightly against the window of a sleeper induced a dream about machine-guns; beams of light from a flashlight brought on dreams of a lightning storm; impeded breathing caused a dream about mountain-climbing. When one leg was bound a subject dreamed he was limping; when one leg was uncovered on a cold night he dreamed that he had stepped into a puddle of icy water. When a stick of wood was tied under another subject's back he dreamed he was riding in an unsteady car. In this way the relation between dreams and outside sense-stimuli was conclusively proven.

There are also chemical influences which play a large part in the causation of dreams. The busy pituitary glands are active during sleep, and when exhaustion has reached a certain point they secrete a hormone into the brain which may be termed the dream or sleep-hormone.

In this connection it has been scientifically proven that people who suffer from insomnia, or are plagued by disturbing dreams brought on without outside sense-irritation, owe their condition to an insufficient secretion of the sleep-hormone, that is, insufficient for the soothing of an overstimulated nervous system. Research in this field is leading to the creation of a sleep-inducing hormone injection that will calm the senses and brain and bring on a sound dreamless sleep. Do we really experience forebodings that manifest themselves in dreams? In other words, are there really warning dreams, that predict the future? Does death announce its imminence in dreams? It has been said that a sick person knows more about his ailment asleep than awake, having a sort of unconscious awareness of his condition. A doctor will question his mentally depressed patient who shows no signs of physical illness, but who is really sick, about his dreams. Often he hears strange things, things which the patient himself cannot explain.

The psychology of dreams is still only a partially explored field, but enough has been scientifically discovered to disprove the theories of the school of thought which would make all dreams the result of suppression of unconscious sexual desires.





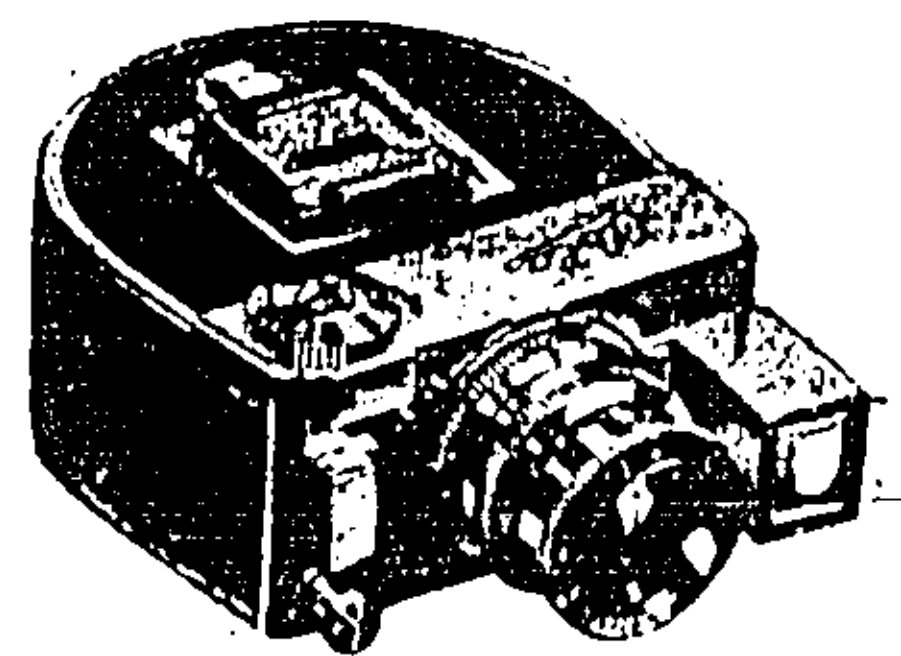
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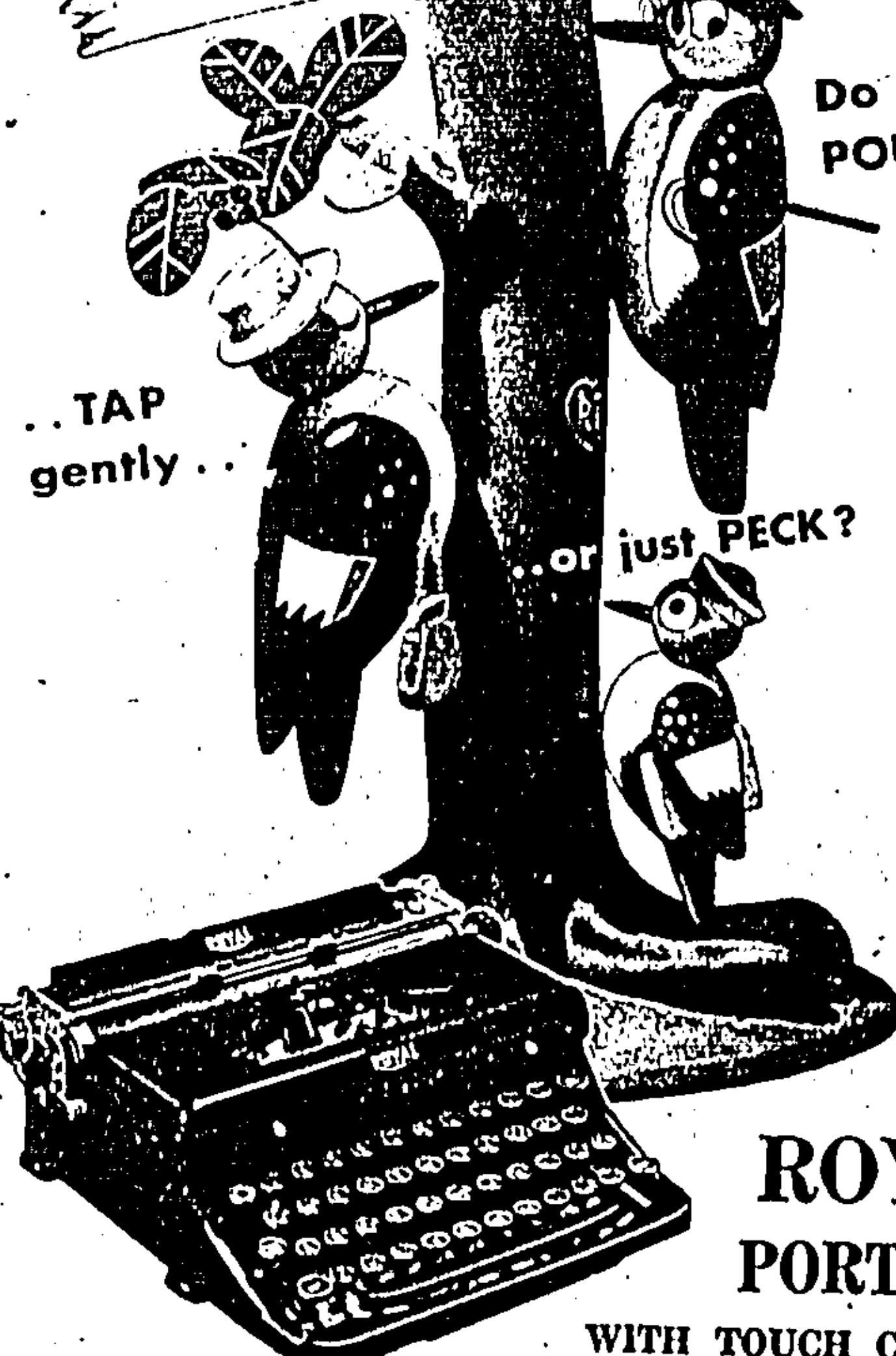
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## TEST TUBE WAR

By John Marcus Murray

A RECENT STATEMENT by a Belgian chemical scientist that in the "next war" microbes will be conscripted to the ranks of armies sent chills down the spines of millions and simultaneously started a heated controversy among specialists in chemistry.

It is rumoured in the French press that German laboratories are working day and night, cultivating billions of microbes of varying virulence, to wipe out enemy populations. A number of French chemical scientists are seriously classifying these would-be death microbes and assigning them to different tasks. A set of British scientists, although not giving credence to the suggestion that microbes might be used in the "next war," nod their heads gravely—impossible to foretell.

Of all the deadly weapons for the "next war," the secrets of which have not yet been divulged, the very mention of bacteria's place most horrifies the average man on the street. The very thought of such a weapon being employed to wipe out millions of human beings naturally is a repellent subject to discuss.

Both British and French experts maintain that bacteria warfare is subject to even greater limitations than the more familiar weapons of war. All known microbes are known to the scientists of all nations. Their habits and peculiarities have been thoroughly investigated and catalogued. Poison gasses have been

"Any disease whose microbe is known can be counteracted by a serum made from the blood of animals which have been infected and immunised to the particular bacteria. The serum for all known diseases could be manufactured and distributed rapidly enough in an emergency to minimize any epidemic almost before it started.

"Only when we come to the group of bacteria—the unknowns—do we meet the real potential annihilators of nations. If the bacteria department of any government could secretly isolate and cultivate the bacteria of one of the unknown diseases, and could develop a serum for inoculating its own people, that nation would then be in a position to inflict an unchecked plague on its enemies. The likelihood of such a calamitous event is extremely far fetched."

The claim that the "next war" will be won by drugs persists in circles specialising in discussions pertaining to potential weapons in warfare. John Carpenter, a British writer who specialises on weapons employed and to be employed in warfare, points out that drugs can be used as a war weapon on a vast scale, and that it is simple enough. Here is the way drugs might be used:

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produced in laboratories, but microbes—even if new species capable of wiping out populations could be cultured—can not be incubated by the billions. Even if the war departments of certain nations attempt to utilise the known species in war, there are difficulties verging on the impossible.

There are two methods to contaminate populations with diseases:

First, by transmitting diseases from person to person by means of direct contact. In order to contaminate the enemy with diseases virulent enough to bring him to his knees, the offending army must recruit a number of its own men, infect them, and secretly send them into the enemy country. Such a sacrifice would be too great to compensate for the damage done to the enemy. Even if the "agent" succeeded in infecting the enemy, the victims could be isolated and the disease squelched.

The second method of inoculating disease into the enemy ranks is by transmitting it by fleas or rats. In that case the offending army must carry along millions of fleas and thousands of rats. These must be infected with the bacillus of the bubonic or pneumonic plague.

The enemy could be annihilated by either one of the above methods, except for one qualifying factor, John Fawcett, British expert, observes:

there is something odd about the shells falling in their midst. Although the missiles explode, they shatter into fine dust. As the shell-dust rains down on the massed battalions, tens of thousands of troops drop to the ground unconscious. Soon not a man is left standing. A million men lie drugged and helpless. Bombardment ceases. Wave upon wave of the enemy pour over. The million unconscious men are relieved of their weapons. The raiders encircle the prone troops with machine guns posted at strategic points. Then the unconscious men begin to stir. As their senses return, giant loud-speakers posted everywhere tell them they must either surrender or be mowed down. No sense in a million unarmed men throwing their lives away. They surrender unconditionally. The war, in fact, is over.

On September 14, 1937, three New York chemical scientists told the American Chemical Society just how a million men could be drugged in any future war. The drug with which the shells would be filled is acetylcholine. Mixed with an irritant which causes the necessary slight superficial abrasions, the drug would attack the blood stream, lower the blood pressure, and cause unconsciousness. By adding a fixative in varying proportions this effect could be arranged to last for any period from a few minutes to several hours.



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(By VICTOR S. MAMAK)

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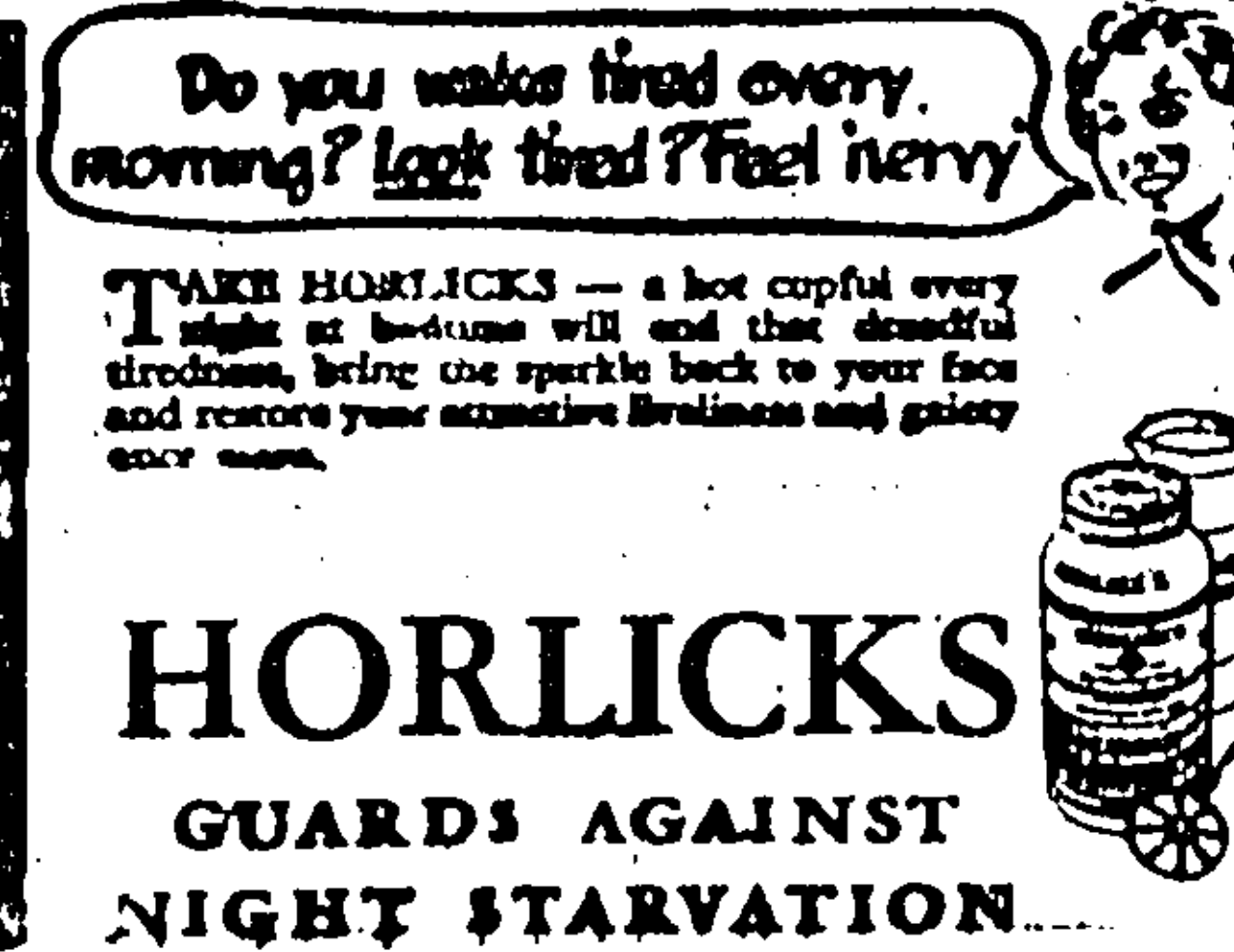
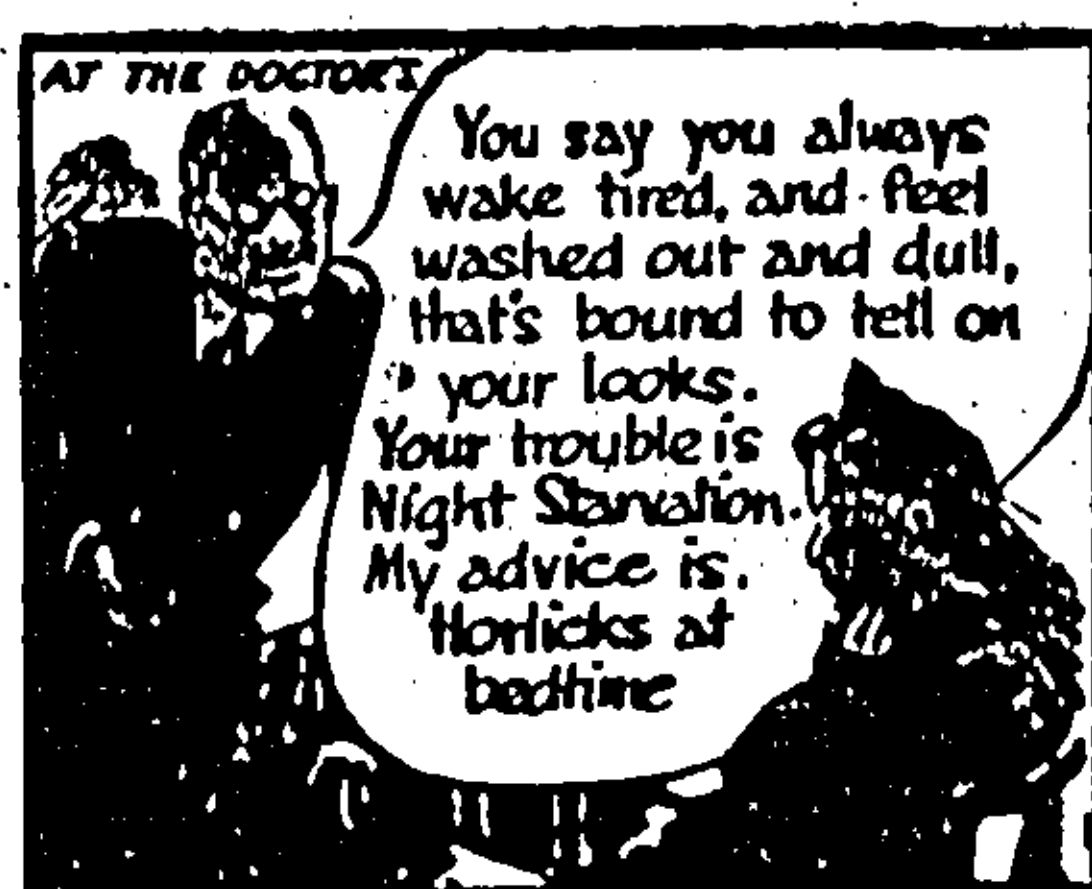
watch results yourself.

Mr. Victor S. Mamak, whose Articles on the Art of 'Make-Up' have been one of the interesting features of this paper, will continue his series on Character and Society Make-Up. This amateur Make-Up wizard has made some queer experiments with cosmetics and after fifteen years' experience, he feels confident in giving useful advice to his readers. He, however, finds it difficult to reply to every individual who has sought his advice by correspondence, and as inquiries are, in many cases identical, he will henceforth



answer them through the medium of this paper, under the heading "From the Make-Up Desk."

## SHOULD HUSBANDS AND WIVES HAVE SEPARATE FRIENDS?







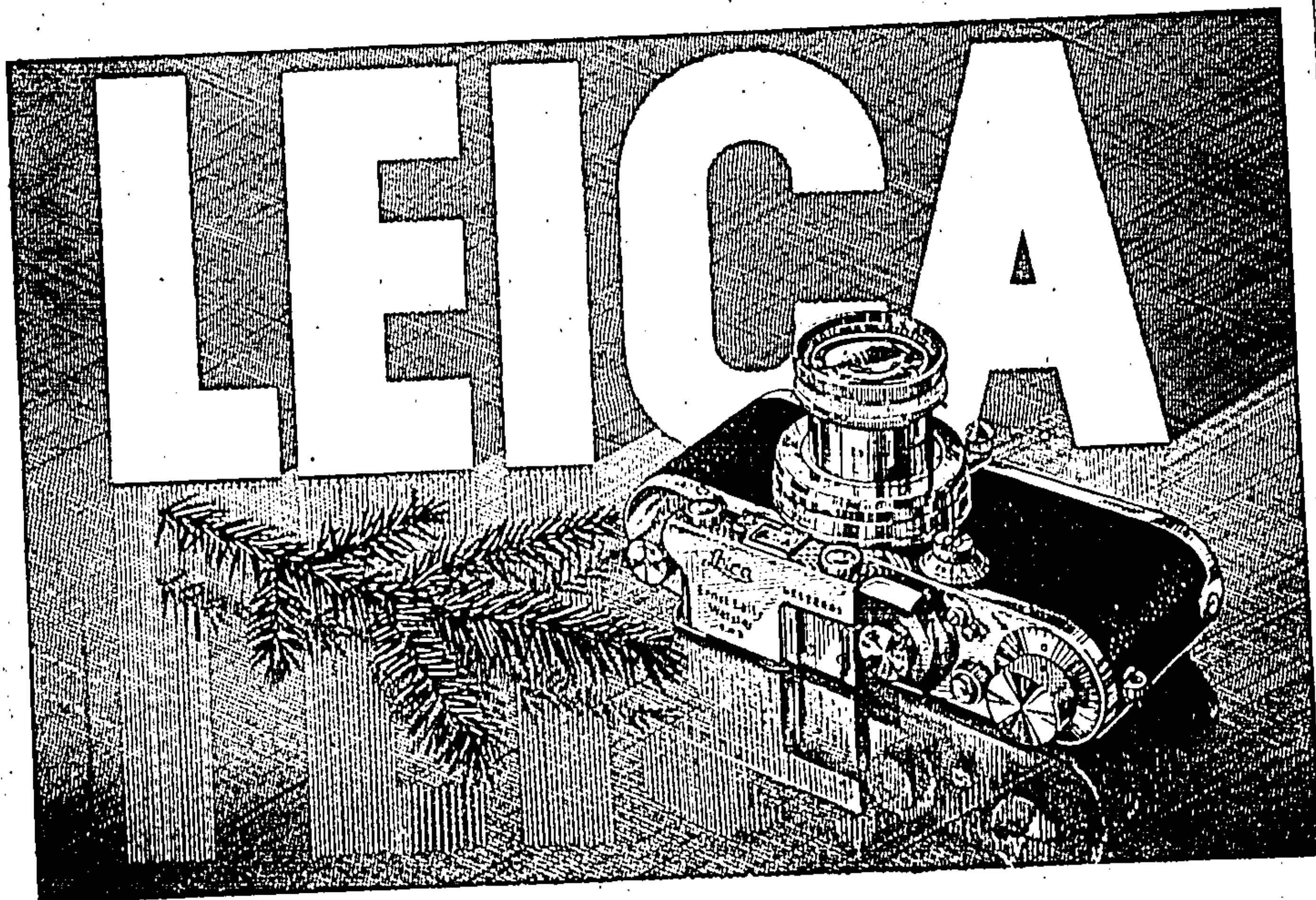
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# RUPTURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND GERMANY?

## Open Speculation In Washington Diplomatic Circles



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## Ickes Primitive Culture Jibe Cuts Deep

Washington, Yesterday.

Diplomatic circles are openly speculating on the possibility of a rupture in relations between the United States and Germany.

The "primitive culture" gibe at the Nazis by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, in his recent speech, and the strongly worded rejection of Germany's protest against it, has created a tense situation.

Officials of the State Department describe as premature discussion of a rupture, but Government quarters make no effort to minimize the position.

Hopes are voiced privately that Germany will heed the statement of the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, refusing Germany's demand for an apology on account of Mr. Ickes' speech.

### PLAIN LANGUAGE

Mr. Welles' reply is considered to have been couched in the plainest language used by the State Department for twenty years.

It is generally believed that President Roosevelt knew of Mr. Welles' intention to speak plainly, but according to information from the State Department, the United States will not go further unless forced.—Reuter.

## THE AIM, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Yesterday.

The newest anti-German utterances of the American Secretary of Interior, Harold Ickes, and the statement issued by the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Pittman, is characterized in Berlin political circles as "extremely regrettable support to that type of anti-German agitation the aim of which is obviously the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany."

The question is asked whether these utterances of American politicians holding high offices are expressive of the attitude held by those responsible for the Government and by the majority of the American people.

**RETALIATION WARNING**  
Should this be the case, it is declared, Germany will know how to retaliate in appropriate manner.

Such attacks against the Third Reich, coming immediately before Christmas, are due to "American apostles of agitation" desire to rob Germany, if possible, of the Christmas spirit of tranquillity and peace.

The opinion is expressed that the violence of the American attack on Germany and Japan is a manoeuvre "to divert public attention from the resounding defeat suffered by the American delegation at the Pan-American Conference.—Trans-Ocean.

## POLISH PROTEST

Warsaw, Yesterday.

The Polish Government has protested in Prague against the

## BRITISH JEWS VISIT MR. MACDONALD

LONDON, YESTERDAY.  
A DEPUTATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS WAS RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY FOLLOWING A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK ASKING FOR RECONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DECISION AGAINST ADMISSION OF 10,000 GERMAN JEWISH CHILDREN INTO PALESTINE.

The resolution called attention to the unprecedented human tragedy represented by the plight of those children and their parents.

After hearing statements by the deputation, Mr. Macdonald expressed his sympathy with the humanitarian considerations which prompted the resolution.

He then gave a full explanation of the reasons which had compelled the Government to reach the decision already announced.—British Wireless.

## RACIAL FRICTION FEARED

Perpignan, Yesterday.

The international rugby match which had been scheduled between French and Italian teams for Christmas Day in this town was suddenly cancelled yesterday.

It is reported that the Italian authorities forbade their players to appear on the field for fear there would be anti-Italian demonstrations.—Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE LOSS IN SHANGHAI FIRE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Property loss amounting to approximately \$800,000 was incurred when a Japanese godown on the Bund in Hongkew in which was stored cotton and matches was completely gutted by fire.—Central News.

Anti-Polish propaganda in Czechoslovakia and demanded that Czech organisations should cease their agitation.—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALY DEMANDING WAR BARGAIN

Rome, Yesterday.

Regarding the situation resulting from the denunciation of the Laval agreement by Italy, political circles declare that Franco-Italian relations must be re-established on a entirely new basis.

The attitude of France, it is contended had not created a friendly atmosphere for new negotiations.

Gayda, in "Giornale d'Italia" emphasises that the document tendered by the Italian Foreign Minister defined the reasons which induced the Italian Government to consider all Franco-Italian problems as unsettled.

Tunis, Djibouti, Suez, and the territorial compensations promised in Article 13 of the London pact of 1915 remained open questions which had to be settled.—Trans-Ocean.

## SNOW AVALANCHES IN ITALY

Milan, Yesterday.

Severe snowstorms of the past two days have covered the Dolomites with a blanket of snow at some places seven feet deep.

Numerous mountain passes and highways are completely clogged and trains and motorcars are being held up. Snowploughs and thousands of shovellers are working feverishly to clear the ways.

Numerous avalanches are reported.—Trans-Ocean.

## BITTER FROST IN GERMANY

Berlin, Yesterday.

The cold wave which continues to sweep Germany has increased in intensity and 21 degrees Centigrade below Zero were reported from Dortmund in Westphalia and

## COUNT CIANO'S MISSION IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, Yesterday.

Reports of the impending visit of Count Ciano to Belgrade are confirmed in authoritative quarters.

Count Ciano had accepted the invitation of Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich to join a shooting party.

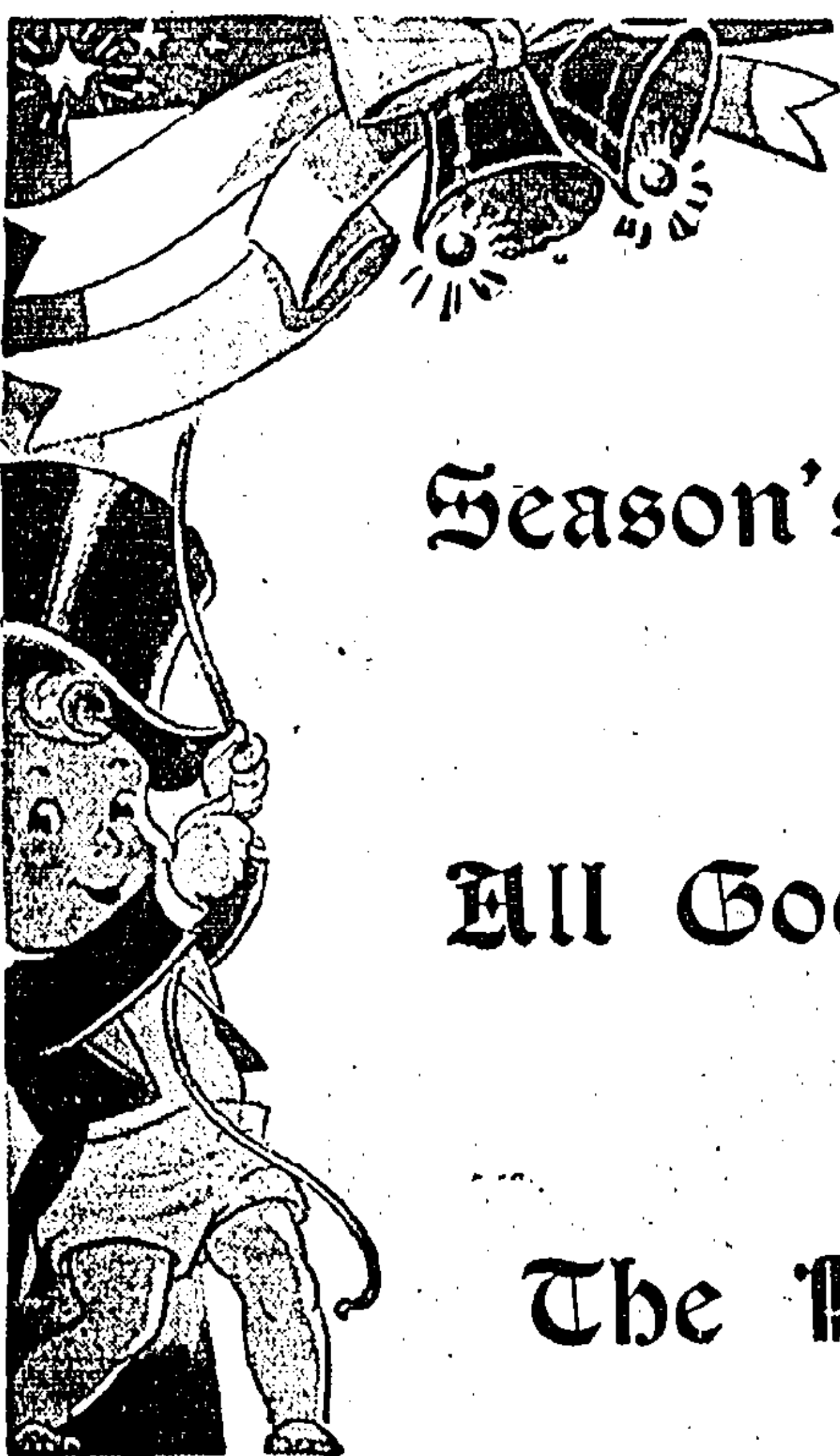
The visit will take place at the end of January.

In the meantime, the Yugoslav Premier will have a vacation in Switzerland, departing to-day.

The visit will afford an opportunity according to political circles for extensive conferences "through which Italian-Yugo-Slav friendship will be strengthened."

At the same time, the visit will demonstrate that Italy is not confined in her interest to Hungary alone.—Trans-Ocean.

other Western districts. In consequence of the severe frost, shipping on the Rhine has been suspended.—Trans-Ocean.



Season's Greetings

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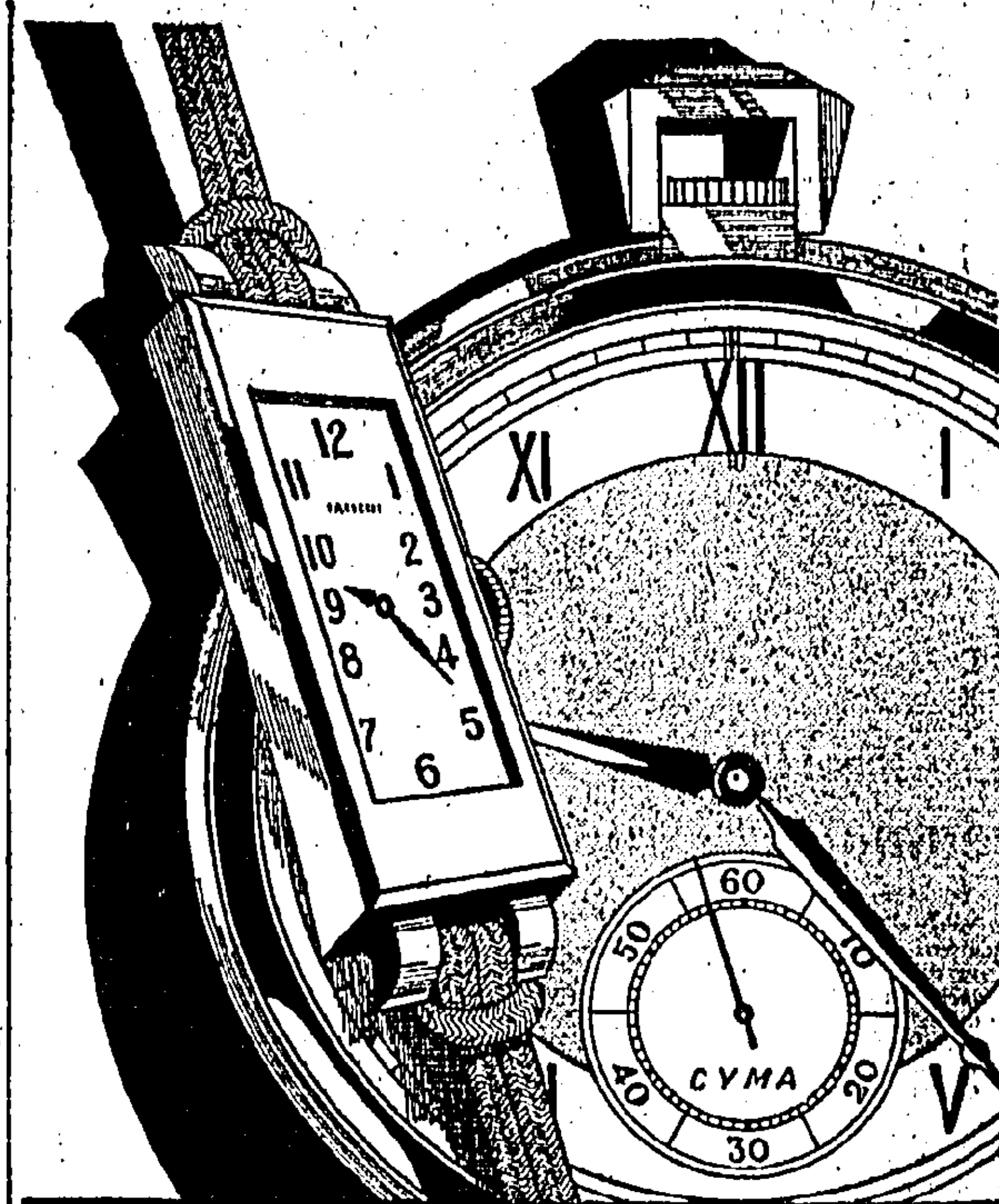


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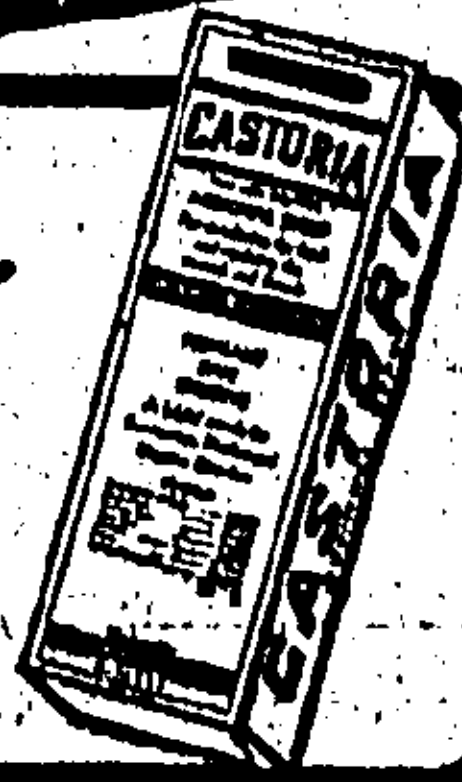
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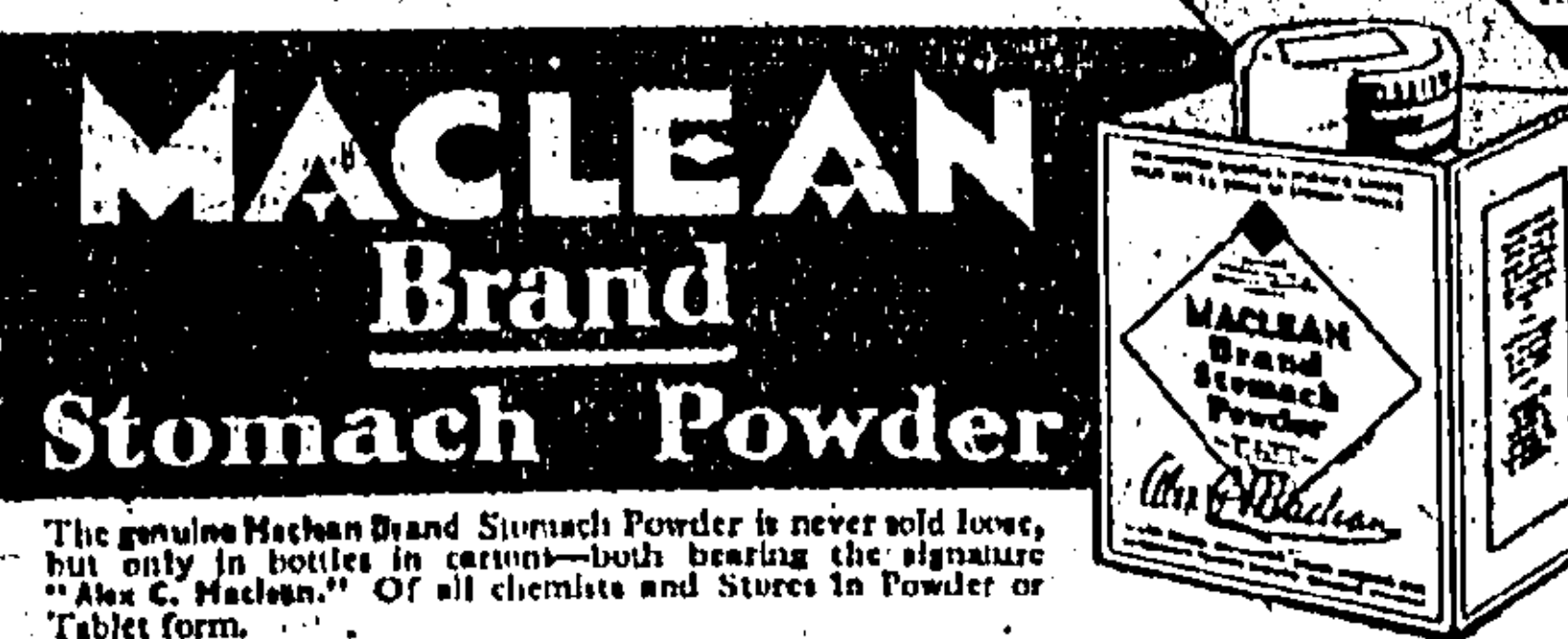
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# French Policy Towards Islam

## And The Mediterranean

**D**URING the European crisis which finished with the Munich agreement, France received numerous testimonies of loyalty from her overseas possessions. From her most distant colonies as from the neighbouring African territories, she received messages which leave no room for doubt as to the soundness of the links by which the home country is bound to the countries which it administers or protects by flexible and infinitely varied methods. The liberal and humanitarian policy pursued by France prior to the war and after the consolidation of her empire has born its fruits. The various upheavals which have taken place during the past twenty years and the local problems which have been raised in all parts of the world have certainly had their repercussions and occasionally given rise to disturbances in this or that territory sheltering a part of the 60 millions of persons living under the French flag. It could not be otherwise.

But, notwithstanding these vicissitudes and more or less radical evolutions, the system of countries forming the French Empire has proved its solidity. It has conveyed an impression of a considerable stability and of no less cohesion. It is well to emphasize this at a moment when the colonial problem has again come to the forefront and when the progress of events is absorbing the whole attention of our statesmen and directing it to the Mediterranean.

The recent Franco-German declaration has shown that there is no further continental cause of conflict between the Third Reich and France. This declaration is the counterpart of the Anglo-German declaration, drafted at Munich at the end of September. It contains no mention of the German colonial claims, which are daily advocated in the German press.

### What Reich Says

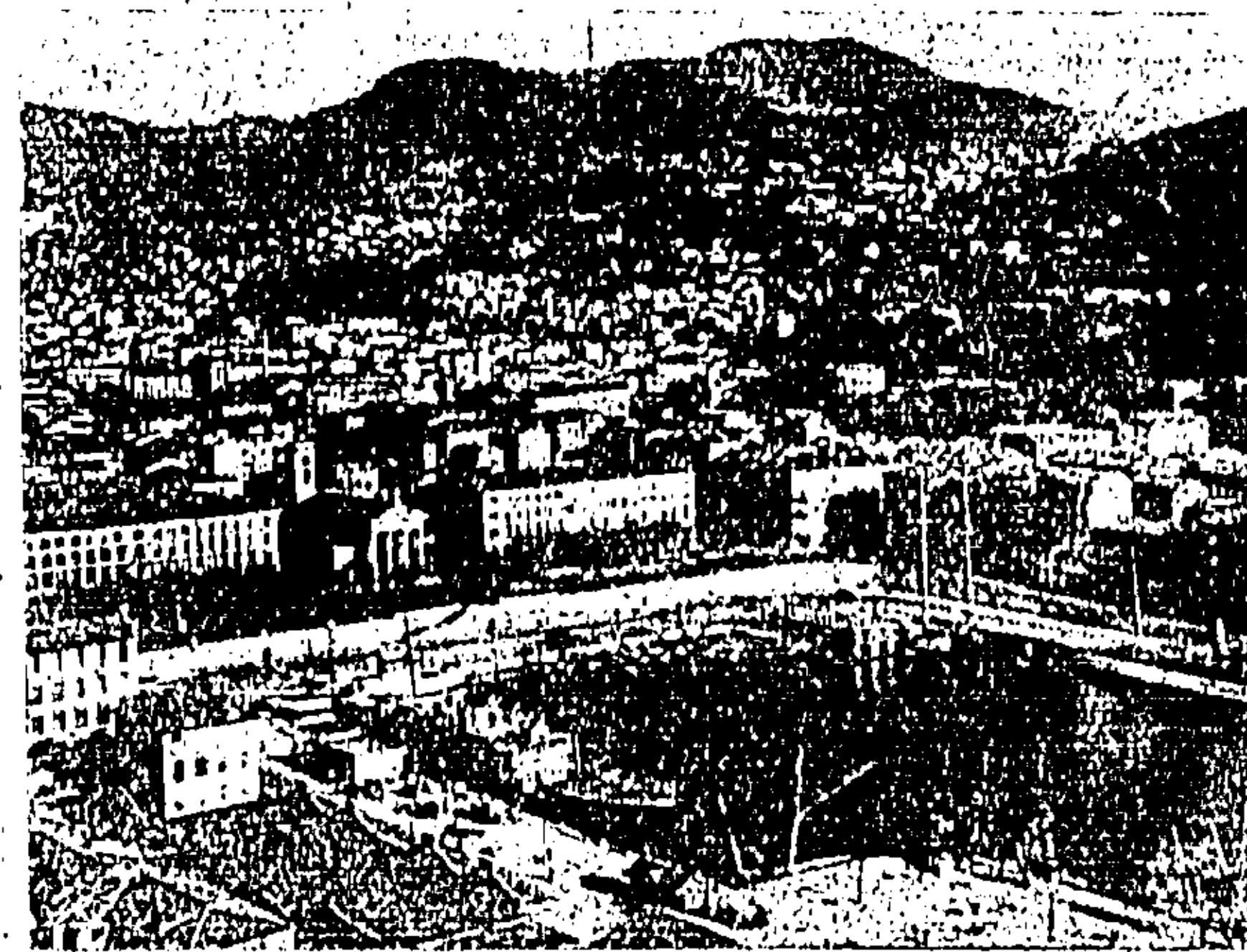
In a recent article published by the Frankfurter Zeitung, it is stated that, although the position of the Third Reich is consolidated on the continent and Germany has become the most powerful factor in the South-East, it does not follow that she has renounced her role as a colonial Power. The paper adds: "Germany's great partner, Italy, is destined to play a predominant part in the Mediterranean. England's claims to exercise her world power in the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean are limited by the rights of the Italian strength."

Then France is warned. "The new relations of the forces in the Mediterranean as in Eastern Europe cannot be destroyed by alliances." This means that the Rome-Berlin axis tends to claim additional concessions in the Moslem and Mediterranean countries from the London-Paris axis. Italy is now showing her teeth;

she wishes to regain what she was lost to Germany in Austria and the Danubian regions.

### Firm Opposition

She will doubtless encounter firm opposition on the part of Great Britain and France. The former continues to consider the Mediterranean not only as a vital artery but as a sphere where England's rights must be maintained, even at a considerable risk, according to the statement of a British naval expert. In the absence of an adequate naval force, an inimical power could attack Egypt and also Palestine. It would thus lay its hands on the raw materials indispensable to the British fleet, so that the most redoubtable weapon of the British



A view of Tunis

would have been ended a long time ago.

And then the Italian Imperialism sought another pretext to manifest against France and England: the pretext of antisemitism. The racial measures, based on the

temperament of the natives. The maintenance of the French power in Africa is as indispensable to France's interests as that of the Rhine frontier. Moreover, more than one third of the French army is stationed in these regions.

## By Francois de Tesson, Former French Under-Secretary Of State For Foreign Affairs

navy, namely, the blockade would be ineffective. And a defeat in Egypt and Palestine would inevitably create a threatening situation in India and in the whole of the East. These are the arguments which induce Great Britain to pursue a policy of mutual defence with France. The independence granted to Egypt on the basis of a treaty for the military and strategic organization of this country is an act which conforms to this doctrine. In the Mediterranean zone, as in all other parts of the world, French friendship and collaboration are and will continue to be the basis of the British foreign policy.

The object of the Anglo-Italian Gentlemen's agreement as of the other and complementary agreement was the appeasement and stabilization of the interests at stake in the Mediterranean. It confirmed the territorial status quo. It proclaimed the intangibility of Spain. The British leaders have constantly impressed upon Italy that a similar agreement with France was indispensable and that, to be completely effective, the Anglo-Italian pact must be completed by a Franco-Italian pact. They gave the Italian government to understand that any attempt to dissociate the French from the British interests would be in vain, these interests being identical.

But Italy still persists in her attempts to divide the two Powers—even after the recognition of the Abyssinian Empire by both of them. She seeks every pretext to avoid reconciliation. She alleges that France, by intervening in Spain, threatens the European status quo. But, it is well known that France, on the contrary, claims the strict observation of the non-intervention rules! Everyone realizes that without the Italian troops and material, the Spanish civil war

Hitlerian laws against the Jews, have no meaning whatever in Italy where there are only 40,000 Jews. But the Rome Government intends by this means to pose as the defender of Islam in Africa and in the East, and to make use of its antisemitism to complicate the task of the liberal countries, which are represented as the docile servants of Judaism and as the bitter enemies of the Arabs. The Italian propaganda to this effect, extends from Fez to Damascus. Through the daily emissions of the Bari broadcasting station, it endeavours to glorify the Italian qualities, the greatness of Italy, the generosity of Italy as compared with French degeneration. She may observe a little more discretion as regards Great Britain since the conclusion of the Perth-Ciano pact, but with the aid of Germany, she nonetheless persists in her fascist manoeuvres among the peoples of the Western and Eastern Mediterranean.

But the Moslems are not deceived. They are perfectly acquainted with Italy's objectives, with the aims of a country who exercises a regime of violence over 700,000 Libyans harshly governed. As for the four millions of Abyssinian Moslems, they are of no importance in the spiritual life of modern Islam and they are far from willingly accepting the Italian "protection."

### No Intention Of Ceding Territory

Whenever Italy raises her voice to claim a further band of territory, there are protests which testify to the hostility of the natives towards Italian Imperialism. Count Ciano's speech to the Chamber of Deputies on November 30th, which called forth "spontaneous" manifestations according to fascist methods, in the course of which several deputies shouted "Tunisia! Tunisia!" produced its immediate effect in the country in question. The native chiefs immediately informed the French Government of their deep attachment to France and protested against any idea of a change of rule. They may claim internal reforms, but, at all events, French Government appears to them infinitely preferable to fascist rule.

France has no intention whatever of ceding any of the vital positions she occupies in Africa. A German writer, Mr. Friedrich Sieburg, recently visited the French Empire. He was impressed by its solidity, by the calm decision of the populations to remain faithful to the French flag, by the wisdom of the French administration. Only a few days ago, the Sultan of Morocco spoke in public—an exceptional measure—to proclaim his entire solidarity with France.

Algeria and Tunisia constitute one of the complete and indivisible elements in this prolongation of the home country which forms the basis of a new and closely knit-up France, whatever the diversity of the administrative systems and of

in achieving the necessary balance. This, she considers, is her mission and she takes every care to assure the progress and the prosperity of those who have placed themselves in her hands.

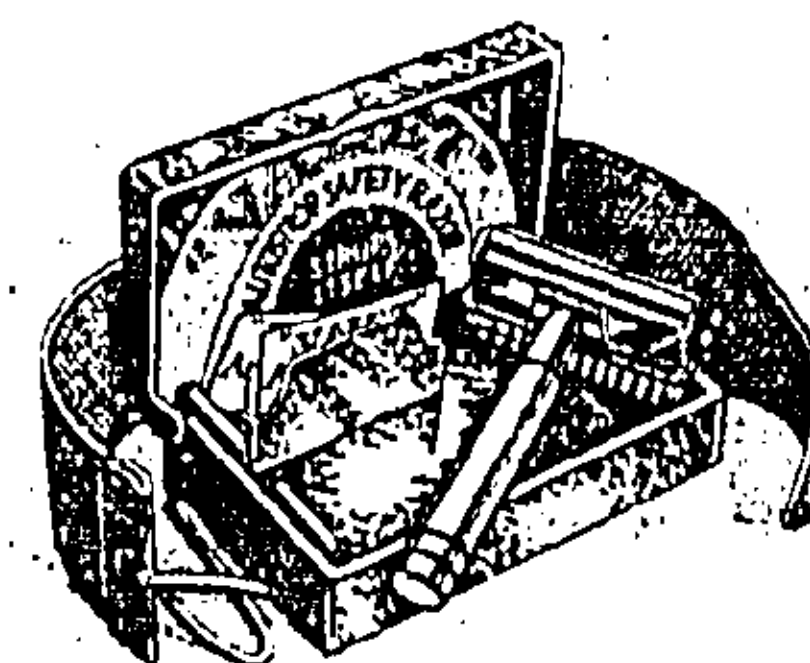
To prove to the world her will to conciliation, she signed the Montreux agreements by which the Capitulations were abolished in Egypt. She prepared the Franco-Syrian and the Franco-Lebanese treaties which, after ratification by Parliament, will transform the mandate France holds under the League of Nations into a free and strong association with the Levantine States. She has concluded a new treaty of friendship with Turkey, with a view to peace in the Mediterranean.

These acts are a better answer than sentimental argument to the campaigns against France. France seeks the friendship and the collaboration of the peoples of Africa and the East. She will do what she can to promote the conclusion of a truce in Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews by organising Jewish immigration into new countries—this to solve the terrible problem raised by the racial laws.

But, this must be said. France will not permit of any attack upon the vital positions she occupies in order to content the Imperialist greed of other nations. If a reasonable modus vivendi can be found, she will do as she proposed in 1935 to Italy, but she will make no concession on any vital point. She will continue her work of pacification and of modernisation in the countries committed to her charge by defending their territorial integrity by every means in her power—without any exception.

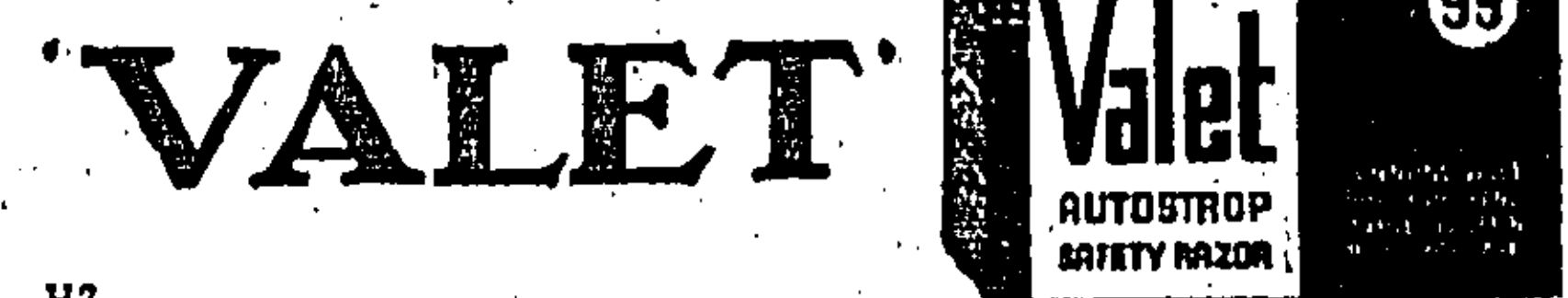
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FIRST OF THE GERMAN CHILD REFUGEES ARRIVE.—Some 200 boys and girls, between 5 and 17 years, the advance guard of 5,000 Jewish and non-Aryan child refugees from Germany, recently arrived at Harwich. Photo shows three little refugees, asleep on the ship just before they disembarked.



# ITALY DREAMS OF A NEW ROMAN EMPIRE, BUT Does Mussolini Mean War?

H.N. BRAILSFORD

Warns Us That Duce is Blackmailing France Into Surrender Over Spain.

WE welcomed back from Spain last week the British volunteers of the International Brigade. More lie in the olive groves of Jarama and the sandbanks of the Ebro than the gallant remnant took our salute in Victoria Station. While their German and Italian comrades fought beside them for the freedom they have lost, they battled with their French neighbours and their American cousins to defend the democracy we still precariously retain. The international army has opened a glorious page in history. From all Europe it flocked to one flag. But the men were fighting for England while they held their trenches in Spain.

## PAPER PLEDGE

How much we all need it the news last week reminds us. Was anyone so simple as to believe that Mr. Chamberlain had brought back "appeasement" from Munich? A crumpled document lies in his pocket while the insults of the Nazi Press ring in his ears.

In Paris, behind shuttered windows, Herr von Ribbentrop laid another scrap of paper from the same portfolio before M. Bonnet. As a pledge of peace it is even in its wording, less precise than the Kellogg Pact, which already bound them both. They will "consult" each other before they quarrel.

That is what they did at Munich, and the Czechs in their mutilated homeland parade their chains. Whose liberty will they sign away when next they sit down together?

One specific promise this declaration contains. Herr Hitler accepts as final the frontier between Germany and France. It was just such a pledge to respect Austria's independence that he gave on the eve of his march on Vienna.

On the day this declaration was signed—behind police truncheons with a golden pen—Germany's partner of the Axis staged a demonstration that means nothing unless it be a prelude to a future war. In the Duce's presence the drilled deputies of the Fascist Chamber chanted in chorus, "Tunis, Corsica, Nice."

The disciplined German Press has since played its accompaniment to the leading singers. The whole performance must have been arranged between Rome and Berlin.

This novel form of sport is evidently devised to play on the nerves of the French. The Italian attack is timed to coincide with the German embrace. It recalls a kind of hunting, sometimes practised by primitive tribes. The young men, with shouts and tom-toms, terrify the game and drive

it, fluttering and panting, towards the older men, who wait quietly with their nets.

When the French are sufficiently frightened, the kindly Fuehrer will offer his mediation as the Duce did at Munich.

Do the Italians seriously mean to claim Tunis, Corsica and Nice? Probably they do; but not necessarily to-day or even to-morrow.

They speak of the Mediterranean as "our sea." They mean to revive the Roman Empire, and this involves at least the possession of the northern coast of Africa, including first Tunis and eventually Egypt. That is why they turned their barren colony of Libya into a first-class military base.

If they ever get Tunis, they will then control this sea from both shores. Tunis is an Arab land, but its white colony is in nearly equal halves, French and Italian.

Corsica was once a Genoese colony, but it suffered so bitterly from the Imperialist exploitation of its merchant princes that in the eighteenth century it revolted and sought shelter in France.

To-day, no part of the Republic's territory is more enthusiastically French in the political and cultural sense, though an Italian patois is still spoken, much as a German dialect is still the home-language of Alsace. The Great Revolution knew how to make a home for the strangers it liberated.

One fact now established suggests that we must at last treat as serious these claims which hitherto have been merely amusement for the noisier sort of Italian journalists.

Italian consuls have been instructed to order the numerous Italian subjects resident in France to return home with their property. If that is not a preparation for war, it is at least meant to be read as a threat of war.

The Italians have convinced themselves that the French are a decadent people. They have some excuse for this hasty opinion. The abandonment by M. Daladier of his Czech allies meant one of two things: either this nation has lost its virility, or it is so divided by the class conflict that it cannot act effectively.

The latter is the more probable explanation. Like Mr. Chamberlain, M. Daladier deserted the Czechs because he would not call in the Russians. The result of five years of retreat is now apparent. At last the Italians dare to claim French territory.

It is a probable guess that Hitler is preparing for the spring some kind of offensive against the Poles,

to whom he is bound by a 10-years Pact of Non-aggression. He means to gain control of the western, non-Russian part of the Ukraine, which they hold in bondage.

There is not much risk that the French will ever honour their treaty of alliance with Poland, but these threats from Italy serve the useful purpose of keeping them occupied.

In any event, though the Italians may not intend to force their claim to Tunis and Corsica

on this occasion, they may, by this crude blackmail, strengthen their hold on Spain. If the French will assist in the final conquest of the Spanish Republic, they may be allowed to keep Tunis a little longer.

That part, at least, of this bold, atrocious game is intelligible. Franco cannot conquer the Republic by arms, so he is bent on taking it in the rear by famine.

France has set up his prize-court in Majorca. When he captured two

ships actually chartered by the British Government to carry wheat from Rumania, Lord Halifax insisted on their release; but he does not compel the release of other British ships captured unlawfully on the high seas, because they were carrying food to Spain. In short, the Nyon plan is scrapped and the blockade is actually in force.

There is, however, still a wide gap through which food may enter—the land frontier of France. When that is closed, even the Spaniards may be driven to surrender to save some of their children alive.

If the French stoop to this last baseness, the Italians will be kind enough—for a season—to stop shouting "Tunis, Corsica, Nice."

## Facts About The Colonies

By Dr. Imre Ferencze

expert of the International Labour Office, a well-known specialist in social science, whose opinion is authoritative in questions of statistics. Mr. Ferencze is the author of numerous works on problems of population policy—migration, unemployment in the intellectual professions, birthrate policy—which have been translated into many languages.

FROM the beginning of the 19th century to the world war, the constantly increasing prosperity of the white race, notwithstanding its considerable growth, was largely due to migration. During the century that elapsed from 1820 to 1924, 15 million British emigrants, 9 million Italians, 4½ million Germans, 3 million Austrians and Hungarians, etc., left Europe. Of the sixty million intercontinental emigrants, only a small fraction actually went to the so-called colonies, i.e. to a tropical or sub-tropical territory, politically or economically dependent upon a home-country. The others left for overseas territories with a temperate climate, frequently regarded as the flag by which they were ruled. Further, only a portion of these emigrants remained in the territories into which they immigrated; according to our estimates, 45 millions of the sixty having emigrated between 1820 and 1930.

The preparation of the first study made by the International Labour Office on statistics of foreigners also permitted of the collection of special data relating to white inhabitants (nationals and foreigners) of the colonies of nine Powers towards 1910 and 1930. Notwithstanding the general stoppage of migration (and, in many cases, of an inverse movement) this distribution of the white race has hardly varied since 1930. It should, however, be noted that the British Dominions do not figure in the colonial totals given below; they have, in fact, become independent States which are only connected with the Empire by a common desire to participate in its defence. We have also omitted the Danish colonies in reason of their smallness. It should be added, finally, that in the present state of statistics, it is sometimes impossible to define the white population and to eliminate half-castes.

The census of the white population in the colonies in 1930 amounted to 3,720,000. The largest number of whites is to be found in the French colonies including Algeria (1,498,000), and in those of the United States (1,296,000), where Porto-Rico alone has a white population of 1,147,000 of Spanish origin. The other colonies come in the following order: British (410,000), Netherlands (230,000), Spanish (125,000), Portuguese (73,000), Italian (70,000), Belgian (19,000), and Japanese (680).

Only a fraction of this population could be classified according to its political nationality (2,448,000). The most favourable proportion of whites nationals of the home country to the total recorded (distributed by nationality) is to be found in the Spanish colonies (95%), followed by the Dutch colonies (92%), the French colonies (79.6%), the Belgian colonies (65.1%) the British (42.7%), the American (36.4%) colonies etc. But if one wishes to gain an idea of the importance of colonial emigration in proportion to total emigration, it can be noted that, towards 1930, the colonies offering the greatest demographic interest were those of France (82% of French nationals as compared with the total number of French nationals abroad)—this being a result of the post-war situation—, of the Dutch (49.3%), Portuguese (38.9%), and Spanish (26.8%). They are followed at a distance by the British with 8.1%, the Belgians with 3.4%, the Germans with 1.5%, the Hungarians with 0.08%, and so forth.

AS regards Africa in particular, a somewhat backward continent, the six colonial Powers can be classified as follows, according to the importance of their national contingents in proportion to the total of the whites residing in their possessions towards 1930: Spanish (95%), Portuguese (91.7%), Italian (90.7%), British (80.1%), French (79.9%), and Belgian colonies (65.1%). It is also interesting to define the percentage of the whites in the African colonies in proportion to the total population recorded in 1930. We were thus able to note that the Spanish colonies comprised 1281 whites per 10,000 inhabitants; they were followed at a distance by the French (346), Italian (244), Portuguese (95), British (25) and Belgian (15) colonies. But the demographic importance of the colonies for the home countries is not sufficiently characterized by such figures. It also depends upon the type of the colonies, on the agricultural density; on the farming system, on the productivity of the soil and other factors of production, in particular, the capital invested, the possibility of marketing the products, the demographic movements, the qualities and the standard of living of the white and native populations and the colonizing talents of the owners of the colonies.

The various conditions are a sufficient explanation of the differential increase of the white nationalities in their overseas possessions and also, in certain cases, of what of the native population.

A hundred years ago, the British white population in the Asiatic, African and Overseas possessions, including the Dominion and certain other territories of white agricultural colonisation, was about 100,000 for each of the three continents. To-day, this population is respectively 190,000, 2,100,000 and 8,200,000. Only 20 millions of the British white race live in the overseas territories of the Empire. Given the decreasing birthrate of the Anglo-Saxons and the more and more insignificant emigration from the home country, there is little hope for the Dominions and colonies to see a notable increase of their Anglo-Saxon population in the future.

Canada alone has received an important contingent of non-British white immigrants (the white population however still amounts to 11.3 millions).

Among the tropical and sub-tropical possessions, a great success is recorded by the Dutch East Indies, owing to very sound administration and increasing capital investment. In these colonies, which have belonged to the Netherlands since the 17th century, the number of Dutch directing native agricultural production only reached 73,000 in 1905 (the total number of Europeans being 76,000), 154,000 (190,000) in 1920 and 208,000 (221,000) in 1930. On the other hand, the native population increased from about 7 millions in 1815 to 60.7 millions in 1930 and to about 65 millions at the present day, the annual growth being 600,000.

TOWARDS 1910, the number of Germans abroad exceeded 3.4 millions; on the other hand, the German civilian population in the German colonies of Africa and Oceania has remained, after thirty years of colonization, below 20,000 in 1913, i.e. 0.2% of the population of the home country and less than the number of Germans resident in Luxemburg (21,702). After the war and up to 1930, the number of Germans in the same colonies (now under mandate and with the exception of Kiaochow) fell to 16,008. As for the most interesting colonies from the point of view of white settlement, in South West Africa, there remained in 1930 only 1,707 Germans as against 12,292 in 1913; and in Tanganyika (German East Africa) only 2,149 compared with 4,107 in 1913. This post-war decrease is however due to naturalizations rather than to a restriction of immigration.

Finally, the number of Italians, after 50 years of colonization (1886-1930) was about 50,000 or 0.2% of the Italian population in the crown colonies. On the other hand, the number of persons of Italian nationality outside the kingdom in the whole world reached the figure of about 4 millions in 1930.

WHITE settlement in the colonies mainly depends upon possibilities of increased investment—a problem which is not yet solved. According to the most reliable estimates, the investments in the African colonies hardly exceed 600 millions sterling. But according to experiments in the settlement of whites in the high altitudes, it is realized that certain plans for the establishment of refugees would not only cost a great deal, but would be retributed by the interests of the native farmers. Further, the openings for most whites in the colonies—both tropical and sub-tropical—would be mainly confined to administrative and military and managing positions in business. On the other hand, the decreasing birthrate might induce some countries to keep their nationals at home.

Finally, the rational population and exploitation of the colonies cannot be achieved without a concentration of all efforts on the part of the white races (science, technique, capital, organisation) as well as protection of native labour and the organisation of native and white welfare during a long period of peace. All white emigration for purposes of colonisation should therefore take place on the basis of a carefully studied plan for the exploitation and population under the control of the local or home authorities.



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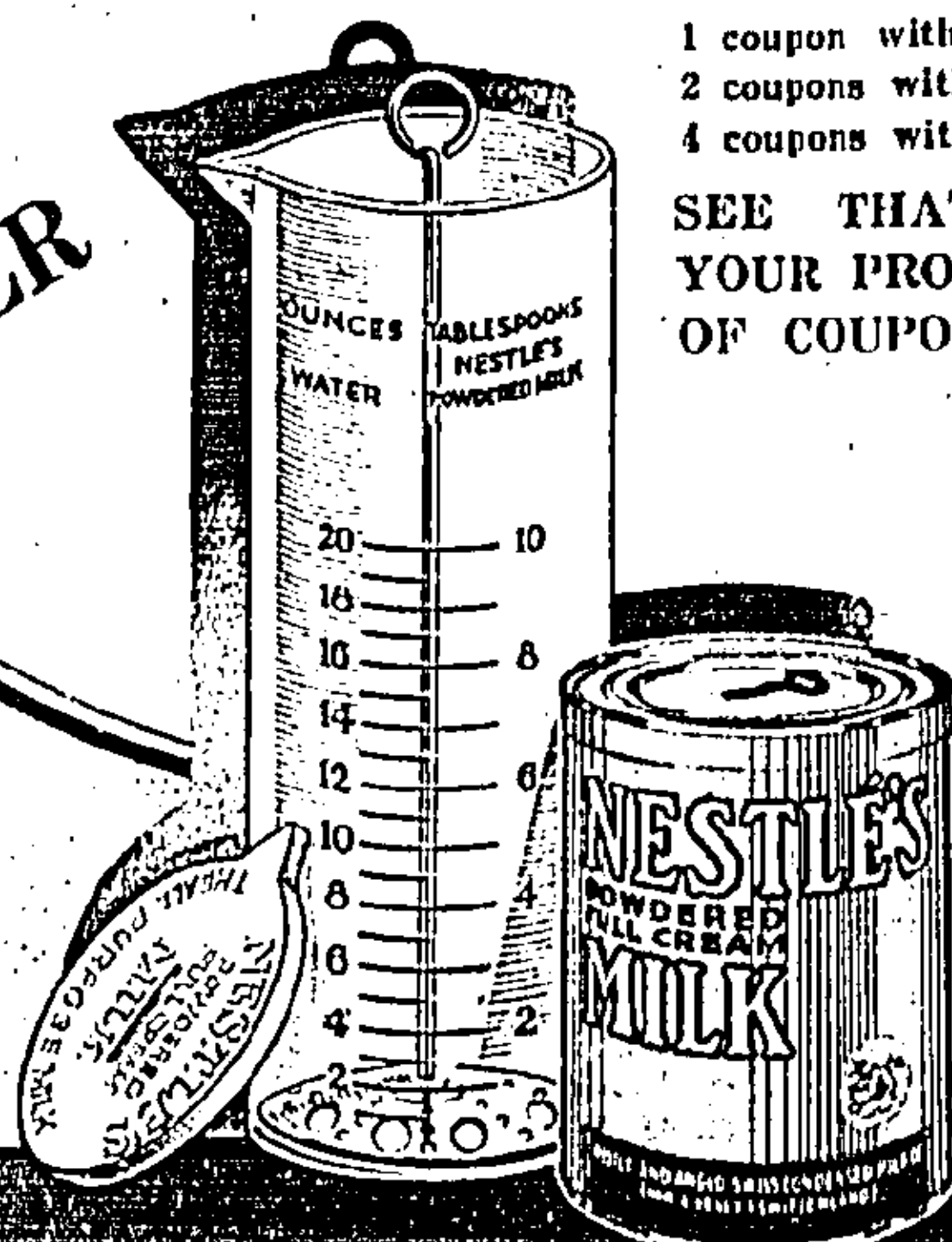
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# Real Help For The Black Areas

THERE are black spots in our country which little "boomlets" in trade do not obliterate. They have been variously described as "distressed," "depressed," or even "derelict" areas. The Government has to hide the tragedy by calling them "special areas." But there are other areas, of which Lancashire is an outstanding example, where trade has dwindled, where mills, mines and shops are closed, where unemployment stands at a high figure, and where future prospects are grim.

These different areas, facing a crushing burden of rates, increased by the general impoverishment of the districts, are indeed becoming semi-derelict. Alled with unwanted industrial plant and unwanted labour, where men and women are eating their hearts out in bitterness and despair. They stand in all their grimness as monuments to the failure of the Capitalist system to organise its material and human resources.

This tragedy is not merely an industrial one. The community has a right to complain. Public funds, running into hundreds of millions of pounds, have been spent through Exchequer grants and local rates on services from which industrial enterprises have greatly profited, and, indeed, without which they could not be carried on.

Large numbers of people, drawn to places where there was a market for their labour, have had to be provided with all the apparatus of community life. They had to be provided with roads, drains and sewers; water, gas and electricity; street lighting and public parks; schools and clinics, hospitals and houses—a wealth of social services without which civilised life would be impossible.

This enormous volume of social capital invested by the community for the benefit of the people is not now being fully utilised, and if the distressed areas become completely derelict that capital will be completely immobilised, while new capital expenditure will be incurred in other developing areas on social services.

Such a situation is intolerable. But there are further considera-

tions to be borne in mind. Unhappily, we are now having to face grave problems of national defence, made all the more difficult because of recent economic developments.

Since the war, there has been a considerable dispersal of industry, notwithstanding the grave needs of the already industrialised areas. New trades have sprung up in the South. London is now one of the most important industrial centres in the country. The great roads leading out of the metropolis are lined with new factories. Of 488 new factories established in England and Wales in 1935, no fewer than 213 were opened in Greater London and only two in the Special Areas. Of 182 extensions of factories, 51 were in Greater London and only six in Special Areas, yet London is the most vulnerable spot in Great Britain from the point of view of air attack. It is the biggest and easiest target in the country.

The distressed areas, on the other hand, are far less accessible and they are, moreover, less likely to be the object of special attack. Certain centres, such as Birmingham, Sheffield, and Coventry, where war material of various

orders as can be provided for them; more especially when on strategic grounds there are strong reasons for decentralising armament manufacture.

But the fundamental problem of the distressed areas is how to bring them into the mainstream of the nation's normal economic life. There is obviously something radically wrong with a position under which, however much trade may "boom," certain areas remain under a heavy cloud of large scale unemployment. It means that the blood is not circulating properly and that the economic system is unhealthy.

It is clear that the efforts of the Government to deal with the problem cannot provide a solution of the difficulties which are crushing the "special" areas out of existence.

The Minister of Labour wearily reiterates the old familiar figures of the miserable sums which have been spent to bring succour to the "Special" Areas. He boasts that the Government has spent £3,000,000 in trading estates, with another £2,000,000 to come. He does not say that these small estates contain several shops, largely employing women and children and providing but little outlet for males and family breadwinners.

In all, including capital expenditure on trading estates, grants to the health and housing services, and money spent on land settlement, the total capital commitments of the Government amount to £17,000,000, a meagre sum compared with the doles handed out to farmers and industrialists.

Even "The Times" nearly two years ago agreed that "the condition of the special areas is a challenge to the efficiency of the Government and of the democratic system." But this Government has done nothing to deal with the problem, except by half-hearted efforts and paltry doles. Indeed, but for pressure the strong probability is that it would have thrown overboard the existing legislation relating to distressed areas.

What is wanted is a bold Government policy which would organise all our economic resources. We have valuable physical assets—land, mineral wealth, industrial plant and labour. These ought to be so utilised as to bring us prosperity. But this cannot be done without treading on the toes of vested interests and without scrapping the sacred shibboleth of laissez-faire.

Instead of profit-making interests being allowed to seek their gains anywhere and almost anywhere regardless of the national interest, they must be made subordinate to public policy.

This means that the State must have a greater control over the use of land and capital and the right to determine where and under what conditions new enter-

prises are to be established. In other words, there must be increasing public ownership and control and the "location" of industry must be directed in the public interest.

There is no space to go into details. What I have tried to show is that to the already grave problem of the distressed areas is added a further problem arising out of the critical international situation and the rearmament programme. Secondly, I have tried to show that the plight of these "black spots" can only be dealt with by courageous and far-reaching national plans, co-ordinated and directed towards a coherent national economic policy.

Such a policy is essential for the recovery of the distressed areas and for the proper use of our material forces for the purpose of defence. Let me add that it is equally essential unless Britain is to be swept off the markets of the world by the highly integrated and directed Nazi economy.

**By  
Arthur  
Greenwood  
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kinds is manufactured in large quantities, would no doubt be marked down for attack.

It would, therefore, seem desirable that, as far as possible, the production of the vast range of articles needed for rearmament, and they run into a large number, should be dispersed, rather than concentrated in a few large centres. Otherwise, in the dread event of war, and in view of our vulnerability to attack, munitions production for both civilian and military use might be gravely imperilled.

The distressed areas are long established industrial districts, equipped with transport facilities, power and labour, and rich in industrial experience. As the Government intends to pursue a policy of intensified rearmament, there are clearly excellent and indeed overwhelming reasons for making the greatest possible use of these areas.

I realise that arms manufactures are an insecure production for economic prosperity. I appreciate that munitions work would only bring temporary relief to the depressed areas. At the same time, assuming an arms programme, it is sound national business to come to the aid of these districts by such

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# LAND WINS TWO TITLES AT ATHLETIC MEET

## TENNIS TITLE FOR MRS. CLIFFORD

Mrs. E. G. Clifford won the Colony Ladies' Singles Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday at U.S.R.C. when she beat Miss M. Griffiths by 6-2, 7-5.

In cold and cheerless weather a handful of spectators witnessed the match, which was a one-sided base-line duel, Mrs. Clifford being much too experienced and accurate for Miss Griffiths' plodding type of game.

Jumping into a 3-0 lead in the first set, Mrs. Clifford asserted her superiority in no uncertain manner. Miss Griffiths, overawed and troubled more than her opponent by the very badly worn court, offered little resistance to powerful and well-placed forehand drives, while Mrs. Clifford's heavily sliced backhand, which was invariably of low trajectory, found many weak links in her enforced defensive game. A late attempt to lure Mrs. Clifford to the net proved remunerative, but by that time the set was as good as won. Mrs. Clifford going out at 4-2 after holding leads of 4-1 and 4-2.

### FATEFUL FOURTH GAME

Miss Griffiths won her first service in the second set by well-judged drop shots to level the scores at 1-1, and then proceeded to snatch an unexpected game for a 2-1 lead with her own service to follow. Leading 30-0 she, however, dropped the next four points in a row for 2-1. Obviously disappointed by this failure to secure a possible winning lead, she fought back gamely, but could not stop Mrs. Clifford going to 5-3. Reverting back to variation of length, she managed to take the next two games, but Mrs. Clifford, applying extra pressure, went out at 7-6 without unduly exerting herself.

Mrs. Clifford, playing in her first Open Tournament here, is one of the most convincing lady champions we have had in years. Possessing a forehand that many men would covet and a reliable sliced backhand, she is very well equipped for the singles game, though natural slowness on the court suggests that doubles play would suit her even better. Three times in the course of yesterday's 20 games did she volley, always preferring to have a high bouncing ball instead. Her service, though not possessing great sting, is well placed.

### RUNNER-UP THREE TIMES

Miss Griffiths, runner-up in 1934, 1937 and 1938, did not come up to expectation yesterday, though it must be admitted that Mrs. Clifford's continual aggressiveness rather rushed her off her feet. The main trouble with her game—and it has been ever since she first competed—is the lack of power in her shots. Knowing where to place the ball, she would be very much more difficult to beat if she did not have to contend with so much time to recover from a tight corner. Yesterday she fought back splendidly, as she always does, but it was a losing battle throughout. Had she continued with her drop shots throughout the second set the game would probably have been prolonged, but the ultimate result would not have been in doubt.

A noticeable feature of the match, which, incidentally, was umpired without the assistance of a line-judge, was the number of service net-cords that were played out instead of another serve being given.



## LAWN TENNIS EXHIBITION AT KOWLOON C.C.

Leonardo Gavin and Amado Sanchez, champion and runner-up respectively of the Philippine Lawn Tennis Singles Championship, will shortly be seen in exhibition matches in the Colony.

The two players are expected to arrive in Hong Kong on December 23 on the m.v. Potadam, and, according to present arrangements, will meet the Tait brothers and the Rum-Jahn cousins in a series of singles and doubles matches.

An attempt was made to try and stage the exhibitions at Hong Kong Cricket Club, but the ground, had been previously reserved and, by kind permission of Kowloon Cricket Club, the exhibition will now be held at Cox's Road, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29.

If it is agreeable to the visitors there will be two singles matches and one doubles match, each of which will be two sets. Admission will be free.



H. P. V. Massey, Balliol undergraduate, who is only three feet eleven inches high and weighs a trifle over four stone, is coxing Oxford University Trial Eight "A" crew. With his two years coxing experience he has a first class chance of coxing the Boat Race crew this year. A special seat has had to be made for him and a megaphone fastened to his head. (Copyright, Fox).

## ANDERSON 64 AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER, BUT K. C. C. HELD TO DRAW

DONALD Anderson, K.C.C. skipper, followed up his 87 against Civil Service last Saturday by scoring 64 out of 112 in a gallant but unavailing effort to force a win against Craigenower yesterday at the Valley. At the close of play K.C.C. were 156 for 6 against a total of 183 for 9 dec.

In scoring 64, Anderson hit a five (overthrow) and 11 boundaries.

A. Zimmern, the wicket-keeper, hit up a merry 70 not out for Craigenower, scored out of 118 and including 13 boundaries.

| Craigenower                          |     |    |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                      | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| A. R. H. Esmail, c Goodban, b Baxter | 11  | 2  | 38 | 2  |
| D. H. Hing, lb.w., b Hing            | 2   | 0  | 46 | 3  |
| E. Zimmern, b Anderson, b Lloyd      | 13  | 6  | 28 | 1  |
| W. L. Ropley, c and b Lloyd          | 10  | 5  | 23 | 1  |
| F. R. Zimmern, c Anderson, b Baxter  | 13  | 5  | 21 | 1  |
| A. T. Lee, c F. Broadbridge, b Hing  | 12  | 2  | 17 | 0  |
| A. Zimmern, not out                  | 70  | 1  | 5  | 0  |
| G. Souza, c Anderson, b Fincher      | 8   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| A. K. Esmail, c Hing, b Fincher      | 20  | 1  | 17 | 0  |
| U. M. Omar, c Baxter, b Fincher      | 6   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| H. P. Lim, not out                   | 17  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Extras (B17)                         | 17  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Total (for 9 wks. dec.)              | 183 |    |    |    |

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Hing             | 9  | 1  | 30 | 2  |
| Anderson         | 9  | 1  | 38 | 1  |
| Lloyd            | 9  | 1  | 47 | 2  |
| Baxter           | 5  | 0  | 31 | 2  |
| Fincher          | 5  | 1  | 20 | 2  |

| Kowloon C.C.                             |     |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                          | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| N. A. E. Muckay, run out                 | 11  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| D. J. N. Anderson, c E. Zimmern, b Souza | 64  | 0  | 27 | 5  |
| E. F. Fincher, run out                   | 11  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| K. M. Baxter, not out                    | 32  | 0  | 27 | 5  |
| R. T. Broadbridge, b A. K. Esmail        | 5   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| G. A. Goodban, c Ropley, b A. K. Esmail  | 4   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| N. Lloyd, b A. K. Esmail                 | 1   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| C. Walker, c Hing, b Fincher             | 28  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| Extras (B28)                             | 28  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| Total (for 6 wks.)                       | 156 |    |    |    |

G. W. Giffen, W. C. Hing and F. A. Broadbridge did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| F. R. Zimmern    | 8  | 1  | 21 | 0  |
| Omar             | 8  | 1  | 22 | 3  |
| Esmail           | 6  | 0  | 22 | 3  |
| Souza            | 6  | 0  | 21 | 1  |
| Lee              | 2  | 0  | 12 | 0  |
| E. Zimmern       | 1  | 0  | 11 | 0  |

### WIN FOR BACHELORS

At Hong Kong Cricket Club, the Single XI beat the Married XI by 80 runs.

| Single XI                             |     |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                       | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| T. A. Pearce, retired                 | 65  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| R. M. M. King, lb.w., b Perry         | 0   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Capt. Whitmarsh, c Stokes, b Perry    | 0   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| J. L. C. Pearce, c Mitchell, b Swyers | 26  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| R. H. Griffiths, c and b Robb         | 6   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Cmr. Glenister, c and b Lowe          | 37  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Cmr. Parsons, not out                 | 14  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| J. F. Powrence, c Mitchell, b Lowe    | 9   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| M. F. L. Haynes, c Robb, b Lowe       | 7   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| J. E. Potter, not out                 | 12  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Extras: B26, LB1                      | 27  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Total (for 8 wks. dec.)               | 205 |    |    |    |

A. C. Beck did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis                       |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                        | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| Perry                                  | 9   | 2  | 38 | 2  |
| Lowe                                   | 9   | 0  | 46 | 3  |
| Swyers                                 | 6   | 0  | 28 | 1  |
| Robb                                   | 5   | 0  | 23 | 1  |
| Stokes                                 | 5   | 1  | 21 | 0  |
| Ride                                   | 2   | 0  | 17 | 0  |
| Duncan                                 | 1   | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Manard XI                              | 34  |    |    |    |
| L. T. Ride, b J. L. C. Pearce          | 12  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| G. P. Murray, c Beck, b T. A. Pearce   | 19  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| S. J. Cooke, c Whitmarsh, b Beck       | 9   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| J. E. Swyers, b Beck                   | 11  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| H. J. D. Lowe, b Beck                  | 11  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| A. E. Perry, b Glenister               | 22  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| E. J. R. Mitchell, c Beck, b Glenister | 0   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| L. A. R. Duncan, b Glenister           | 0   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| G. S. Lovett, b Beck                   | 8   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| D. S. Robb, c Parsons, b Beck          | 8   | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| W. Stokes, not out                     | 10  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| Extras: B8, LB1, NB1                   | 10  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| Total                                  | 110 |    |    |    |

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Whitmarsh        | 7  | 1  | 21 | 0  |
| T. A. Pearce     | 6  | 0  | 30 | 1  |
| J. L. C. Pearce  | 4  | 0  | 19 | 1  |
| Beck             | 8  | 0  | 27 | 5  |
| Glenister        | 4  | 0  | 12 | 3  |

### PARTNERSHIP OF 89

At Sookpung, Royal Engineers beat Indian Recreation Club Juniors by 9 wickets.

After losing their first wicket for 12 runs, Spr. Shaw (82) and Spr. Cork (43 not out) added 89 runs before Shaw retired undefeated. Shaw hit eight boundaries in his 52 out of 101, while Cork found the boundary six times in his 48, scored out of 89.

| I.R.C. 2nd XI                     |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                                   | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| M. R. Abbas, b Cork               | 7  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Y. T. Barma, b Donyer             | 11 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| T. Ali, lb.w., b Cork             | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| D. M. A. Razaek, b Cork           | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| H. T. Barma, b Ratcliffe          | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| F. A. Curram, b Ratcliffe         | 30 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| M. A. Wahab, c Lowe, b Carpenter  | 27 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| T. Hamet, c Lowe, b Carpenter     | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| A. R. Markar, c Lowe, b Carpenter | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| D. M. Khan, not out               | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| M. I. Razaek, lb.w., b Lowe       | 10 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Extras (B4)                       | 4  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Total                             | 90 |    |    |    |

| Bowling Analysis |     |    |    |    |
|------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                  | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| Cork             | 7   | 2  | 19 | 3  |
| Ratcliffe        | 13  | 7  | 14 | 2  |
| Donyer           | 5   | 0  | 17 | 1  |
| Shaw             | 5   | 1  | 17 | 0  |
| Lowe             | 3   | 1  | 12 | 1  |
| Carpenter        | 2.4 | 0  | 13 | 3  |

| Royal Engineers         |     |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                         | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| Spr. Ratcliffe, run out | 12  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Spr. Shaw, retired      | 52  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Spr. Cork, not out      | 12  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Cpl. Donyer, not out    | 12  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Extras (B1)             | 1   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Total                   | 120 |    |    |    |

## Will Also Compete In 100 Metres Final Middlesex-C.B.A. Relay Team Win By Nearly 70 Metres

### K.C.C. BALL TICKETS SOLD OUT

Those who are desirous of "seeing in" the New Year in traditional manner have not been slow to realize that Kowloon Cricket Club offer everything possible for an enjoyable evening, and the result is that reservations for the New Year's Fancy Dress Ball have now had to be limited. Four hundred is the number the authorities have decided on, and this number has already been reached.

| Bowling Analysis                                                                                                    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                                                                                                                     | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Sgt. Carpenter, Spr. Nailey, Sgt. Lowe, L/Cpl. Milestone, Spr. Heath, L/Sgt. Chandler and Spr. Hawkins did not bat. |    |    |    |    |
| Abbas                                                                                                               | 8  | 3  | 21 | 0  |
| Razaek                                                                                                              | 2  | 0  | 6  | 0  |
| Y. T. Barma                                                                                                         | 4  | 0  | 14 | 0  |
| Curram                                                                                                              | 3  | 1  | 11 | 0  |
| Razaek                                                                                                              | 3  | 0  | 19 | 0  |
| Markar                                                                                                              | 2  | 0  | 17 | 0  |
| H. J. Barma                                                                                                         | 2  | 0  | 16 | 0  |
| Khan                                                                                                                | 2  | 0  | 10 | 0  |

### LAY BATS WELL

At King's Park, Kowloon Cricket Club by 8 wickets.

In scoring 63 out of 85 Pope hit nine boundaries.

B. D. Lay played some very fine cover shots in his innings of 82, scored out of 168 and including 14 boundaries. In partnership with W. L. McKenzie, who followed up his 71 not out last week with 42 not out, he helped to add 70 for the third wicket. McKenzie hit eight boundaries in his knock.

| Police R.C.                                 |     |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                             | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| A. E. Carey, b Lay                          | 11  | 5  | 53 | 1  |
| C. Pope, c Gray, b Baldwin                  | 53  | 1  | 53 | 1  |
| J. L. Stephens, b Simpson                   | 16  | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| W. L. Oakey, b Baldwin                      | 2   | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| W. L. Clarke, c Hume, b Baldwin             | 0   | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| win                                         | 0   | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| P. H. Loughlin, st. Brokenshire, b McKenzie | 16  | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| Rose, b Lay                                 | 11  | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| Forrest, not out                            | 11  | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| Estall, not out                             | 20  | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| Extras: (B6, LB1, NB1)                      | 8   | 0  | 53 | 1  |
| Total (for 7 wks. dec.)                     | 147 |    |    |    |

Fyffe and Carruthers did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Lay              | 7  | 1  | 45 | 2  |
| Taylor           | 6  | 1  | 30 | 1  |
| McKenzie         | 5  | 0  | 16 | 1  |
| Simpson          | 5  | 0  | 13 | 3  |
| Baldwin          | 5  | 0  | 13 | 3  |

### K.C.C. 2nd XI

G. E. Taylor, c Carruthers, b Stephens 26 |  |  |  || B. D. Lay, c Stephens, b Carey | 82 |  |  |  |
| S. A. Gray, b Forrest | 12 |  |  |  |
| W. L. McKenzie, not out | 42 |  |  |  |
| Extras: (B5, LB2) | 7 |  |  |  |
| Total for three wks. | 169 |  |  |  |

R. Baldwin, W. Mulvaney, G. G. Davies, R. A. J. Simpson, H. Brokenshire and L. W. Hume did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| C. Pope          | 10 | 1  | 62 | 0  |
| Carrey           | 6  | 0  | 23 | 1  |
| Stephens         | 4  | 0  | 33 | 1  |
| Forrest          | 5  | 0  | 33 | 1  |
| Loughlin         | 2  | 0  | 14 | 0  |

### C.B.S. FORCE DRAW

At King's Park, Central British School drew with Club de Recreo.

| Club de Recreo 2nd XI             |     |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                                   | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| H. M. F. Xavier, b Smith          | 4   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| E. M. L. Soares, c Suter, b Stone | 9   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| G. N. Gosano, lb.w., b Pryde      | 33  | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| L. G. Gosano, c Smith, b Brown    | 23  | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| R. Soares, b Smith                | 1   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| A. J. M. Prata, c Labrum, b Stone | 13  | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| J. Gosano, not out                | 39  | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| A. M. Remedios, c Suter, b Pryde  | 0   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| M. Mendonca, not out              | 10  | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| Extras: B6, LB1                   | 7   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| Total (for 7 wks. dec.)           | 139 |    |    |    |

| Bowling Analysis |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Smith            | 13 | 1  | 32 | 2  |
| Stone            | 7  | 0  | 31 | 1  |
| Brown            | 3  | 0  | 21 | 0  |
| Pryde            | 8  | 0  | 48 | 1  |

| C.B.S.                             |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                                    | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Labrum, c J. Gosano, b C. A. Alves | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Brown, c Xavier, b G. Gosano       | 28 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Suter, c Yvanovich, b J. Gosano    | 2  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Stone, b Alves, not out            | 5  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Pryde, b R. Soares                 | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Smith, b R. Soares                 | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Street, c Yvanovich, b R. Soares   | 18 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Lockhart, b G. Gosano              | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Sundora, c L. Gosano, b J. Gosano  | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| sano                               | 6  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| K. Moffat, not out                 | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| T. Moffat, not out                 | 1  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Extras: (B10)                      | 10 | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Total (for 9 wks.)                 | 81 |    |    |    |



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## HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following are the Home Soccer Fixtures for to-morrow and Tuesday:

| TO-MORROW              |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| First Division         |                 |
| Arsenal                | v Charlton      |
| Birmingham             | v Middlesbrough |
| Blackpool              | v Huddersfield  |
| Bolton                 | v Preston       |
| Brentford              | v Portsmouth    |
| Everton                | v Derby         |
| Grimsby                | v Wolves        |
| Leeds                  | v Chelsea       |
| Manchester U.          | v Leicester     |
| Stoke                  | v Liverpool     |
| Sunderland             | v Aston Villa   |
| Second Division        |                 |
| Blackburn              | v Bury          |
| Bradford               | v Chesterfield  |
| Burnley                | v Tottenham     |
| Coventry               | v Plymouth      |
| Fulham                 | v Wednesday     |
| Millwall               | v West Ham      |
| Norwich                | v Newcastle     |
| Notts F.               | v Luton         |
| Sheffield U.           | v Southampton   |
| Tranmere               | v Manchester    |
| West Brom.             | v Swansea       |
| Third Division (South) |                 |
| Bournemouth            | v Bristol R.    |
| Bristol C.             | v Queen's P.R.  |
| Cardiff                | v Torquay       |
| Clapton                | v Aldershot     |
| Crystal P.             | v Mansfield     |
| Ipwich                 | v Port Vale     |
| Northampton            | v Reading       |
| Reading                | v Exeter        |
| Southend               | v Newport       |
| Swindon                | v Notts C.      |
| Watford                | v Walsall       |
| Third Division (North) |                 |
| Barnsley               | v Accrington    |
| Barrow                 | v Bradford C.   |
| Doncaster              | v Rotherham     |
| Gateshead              | v Darlington    |
| Halifax                | v Lincoln       |
| Hartlepool             | v Chester       |
| Hull                   | v New Brighton  |
| Oldham                 | v Stockport     |
| Southport              | v Rochdale      |
| Wrexham                | v Wrexham       |
| York                   | v Crewe         |

### TUESDAY

#### First Division

| Aston Villa            | v Sunderland    |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Charlton               | v Arsenal       |
| Chelsea                | v Leeds         |
| Derby                  | v Everton       |
| Huddersfield           | v Blackpool     |
| Liverpool              | v Manchester U. |
| Leicester              | v Stoke         |
| Middlesbrough          | v Birmingham    |
| Portsmouth             | v Brentford     |
| Preston                | v Bolton        |
| Whampton               | v Grimsby       |
| Second Division        |                 |
| Bury                   | v Blackburn     |
| Chesterfield           | v Bradford      |
| Luton                  | v Nottingham    |
| Manchester C.          | v Tranmere      |
| Newcastle              | v Norwich       |
| Plymouth               | v Coventry      |
| Wednesday              | v Fulham        |
| Southampton            | v Sheffield U.  |
| Swansea                | v West Brom.    |
| Tottenham              | v Burnley       |
| West Ham               | v Millwall      |
| Third Division (South) |                 |
| Aldershot              | v Crystal P.    |
| Bristol R.             | v Bristol C.    |
| Bournemouth            | v Bournemouth   |
| Exeter C.              | v Exeter        |
| Mansfield              | v Torquay       |
| Newport                | v Swindon       |
| Notts C.               | v Watford       |
| Port Vale              | v Northampton   |
| Queen's P.R.           | v Cardiff       |
| Torquay                | v Exeter        |
| Walsall                | v Reading       |
| Third Division (North) |                 |
| Accrington             | v Barnsley      |
| Bradford C.            | v Barrow        |
| Rotherham              | v Wrexham       |
| Sheff. F.              | v Chester       |
| Sheff. U.              | v Gateshead     |
| Stockport              | v Lincoln       |
| Stockport              | v New Brighton  |
| Rochdale               | v Southport     |
| Rotherham              | v Doncaster     |
| Sheff. F.              | v Oldham        |

## TWO ARMY PLAYERS BADLY INJURED IN RUGBY SERIES

Club Secure Another Overwhelming Victory

### Boe And Crawford Excel In Depleted But "Never Say Die" Fifteen

HOLDING their own in the first 12 minutes of play, and then losing two men permanently before the interval, Army again went down to Club by a heavy margin in yesterday's Second Round match in the Triangular Rugby Tournament, when the Civilian won by five goals and two tries (31 points) to a goal, a dropped goal and a penalty goal (12 points) after holding an interval lead of 13 points to 3.

Injuries marred what might otherwise have been a very close struggle. Club's forwards played badly in the opening quarter-of-an-hour and, with Army's backs tackling hard and drawing first blood, it very much looked as if Club would have to produce their very best to secure the verdict.

An unfortunate kick during a loose maul resulted in Waite being injured and, despite his efforts to carry on, another tackle a few minutes later saw him carried off to the Club-house for good. Renewed efforts by the Army backs to break through resulted in Chiversall being brought down and during the ensuing mêlée he was accidentally kicked in the head, sustaining what appeared to be severe concussion. He, too, was assisted off the ground and later sent to hospital.

Army were by this time almost a team of crooks with Cuthbertson and Ross limping badly as a result of hard knocks, but their spirit was by no means broken and when Boe, their stand-off-half, broke clean through the Club defence for a 20-yard run and a grand try the Army were given a big ovation. Even in the last minutes, when they were forced to rack 3-4, their efforts were undaunted and Gudgeon capped a fine afternoon's display with a clever left-footed dropped goal which took the Club by surprise.

#### ARMY CHANGES

Army were forced to make several changes due to illness and injuries. L/Sgt. Page, one of their best forwards, being unable to turn out owing to a bout of malaria, and both Ferguson and Richardson being absentees Waite replacing the former while Berry was brought into the pack for the latter.

Led by Crawford and Cuthbertson, Army were an inspired pack during the first 15 minutes, having every bit as much of the play as their opponents. In fact they were getting the ball in the net and loose scrums more often. Club's forwards at first stage never looked like a winning pack and several looked as if they were just getting over the effects of St. Andrew's Ball.

After Army had been depleted by two players, they never looked like beating the Club, whose backs, especially the centres, were in splendid form.

For Club, MacGrath had little to do at full-back, but was not at his best when in possession. Chadwick ran splendidly and at the same time displayed a safe pair of hands. He was given excellent support by Bidwell, who made splendid openings before disposing of the ball. Grieve was by no means at his best during the earlier part of the game, slinging out many wild passes to Stewart, who was definitely off colour, his hard running being badly missed.

#### WING FORWARDS AGAIN!

Cassford was seen at his best in the second half, but it very much looked as if he was going to provide the weak link in the Club's back division during the first half, when he fumbled many passes from Henderson. The latter played a hard game, but was not given much room to move round in, interference by his wing forwards being largely responsible.

Of the Club forwards, Taylor worked hard, but his passing was inaccurate. Peers, Richardson and Heath were the pick of the pack. For Army, Marshall was handicapped by a lack of speed, but kicked a good length ball. Chiversall and Gudgeon were the most dangerous of the three-quarter line, but were rarely given an opportunity of making much progress before they were erased. Gibson, the right-centre-quarter, was very nervous and gave Waite practically no support.

Boe was the biggest menace to the Club back-division, and in the latter stages of the game almost carried the entire work of attack on his own shoulders, with Chiversall and Waite missing and Gudgeon limping. Neal was an improvement as scrum-half, but in the second half was never given an opportunity of getting the ball away as his pack were pushed all over the place.

Army were definitely superior in the set scrums in the earlier part of the game, while they bunched well in the loose, where Crawford, Appleby and Berry played inspired games.

#### ARMY SCORE FIRST

The opening minutes of the game were fraught with excitement, Club being penalised for foot-up in the scrum and Chiversall kicking an excellent penalty goal to draw first blood for the Army. Army continued to have things their own way until Club, retreating just outside the Army 25 yard line, levelled the score

when a grand three-quarter move resulted in Chadwick racing over near the corner flag. Watson failed with the goal kick.

The exchanges at this stage were fairly even until Grieve set off on a characteristic corkscrew run which culminated in Watson scoring near the posts and adding the goal points to give Club a lead of 8 points to 3. Club rammed home their advantage a few minutes later when Bidwell broke through to send Chadwick over for another try, Watson again majorising the effort.

A loose maul saw Waite injured. It was later discovered that he had either cracked a bone in his pelvis or pulled several muscles very badly.

Not three minutes later Chiversall gained possession and was brought down heavily and in the ensuing mêlée sustained a kick in the head which rendered him partially unconscious. He was carried off and it was later ascertained that he had sustained severe concussion and was admitted to hospital.

Two players missing inside of five minutes was a bitter pill for the Army to swallow, particularly as they had suffered a similar fate in their previous Triangular Tournament game against Royal Navy, but, packing 3-1 in the scrum, they carried on gamely against overwhelming odds.

After a series of midfield scrums in the second half Bidwell scored for Watson to add the goal points. Despite the fact that they were heavily handicapped in the scrums, a series of loose dribbles led by Crawford saw Army attacking on Club's 25 yard line and a quick heel saw Boe in possession and the latter brilliantly cut his way through for a try, which was loudly applauded. A few minutes later the same player added another try which Watson also majorised and shortly before the end Henderson and Richardson scored, Watson majorising the latter effort.

Just before the end Army made a last and valiant attempt to score and succeeded when Gudgeon dropped a goal from close in to complete the afternoon's scoring.

Lt. Comdr. Linton refereed and the teams were:  
Club: M. W. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick; H. D. Bidwell; W. E. Grieve and D. H. Stewart; F. Cassford and J. R. Henderson; K. W. Watson; K. W. Henderson; A. J. G. Taylor; E. C. Lusk.

### TO-MORROW'S HOCKEY

Only one game has been scheduled for to-morrow in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament, when Police "B" entertain Central British Association, who have had a run of successes recently, on the Boundary Street ground, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

combe and W. E. Peers; H. W. E. Heath; W. B. Richardson and J. Redman.

Army: L/Sgt. Marshall (R. Scots); Lt. Chiversall (Middlesex); Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); Lt. Gibson (R. Scots) and Spr. Waite (R.E.); L/Cpl. (R. Scots) and Cpl. Neale (R. Scots); Lt. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); Spr. Pike (R.E.); Spr. Appleby (R.E.); Gnr. Evans (5th A.A.) and Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Lt. Crawford (R.S. Signals); Lt. D'Oyly (R. Scots) and L/Cpl. Ross (R. Scots).

#### TABLE TO-DATE

|      | P | W | L | F  | A  | Pts. |
|------|---|---|---|----|----|------|
| Navy | 2 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 13 | 4    |
| Club | 3 | 2 | 1 | 72 | 29 | 4    |
| Army | 3 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 91 | 0    |

#### Club "A" Beaten

Fielding a very weak and depleted team, Club "A" fifteen proved no match for Royal Navy in the match preceding the Triangular Tournament match yesterday when the Service side won by three goals and two tries (21 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

Navy were far too strong for Club behind the pack, Askwith, hero of many Navy Triangular Tournament matches, paving the way for two of the scores and scoring two good tries in addition.

Club were best served by Brown, full-back, who tackled hard and who positioned himself well, and C. J. Powell and D. Hynes, the centre three-quarters.

Club's handling was sluggish and against a fast breaking Navy pack, the Civilian backs were rarely in a position to gain ground. E. A. Bonpas, C. M. Stark and A. G. Daziel were the pick of the Club pack.

P. O. Askwith cut through for a fine try which Witherden majorised but soon after Navy were penalised for off-side and C. M. Stark kicked a penalty goal to reduce the arrears. Navy had things very much their own way thereafter and went further ahead before the interval through tries by A. B. Watton and Sub. Lt. Ashton.

In the second half Navy went further ahead through Sub. Lt. Ashton and P. O. Askwith, both of whose tries were majorised by Witherden.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNEY TO-MORROW

THE First Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football competition will be held to-morrow, when Portugal meet Ireland on Kowloon Football Club ground, commencing at 4 p.m.

Portugal's eleven will be comprised of players from the now defunct Club de Recreio First Division side, and from St. Joseph's and if reputations count for anything they will have a formidable array of talent on view.

C. F. Remedios, Shanghai and Hong Kong Interpreter, A. V. and B. Gosano, Hong Kong Interpreters, and N. Beltrao, Colony Interpreter centre-half of several seasons ago, are all likely to be seen out again. Ireland, who won the competition during the Royal Ulster Rifles' period of service in the Colony, also have a formidable team on view, their strength being well distributed. P. Jorge (Kowloon) and D. Leonard (St. Joseph's) are among their forward selections, while Sheehan (Middlesex), W. A. Land (R.E.) and Brogan (Navy) are well-known players in the defence.

On Tuesday, another First Round match will be played, when China encounter Scotland, at Sookunpo, in what promises to be one of the outstanding soccer attractions of the year. The following are the teams: Portugal:—E. Marques; C. F. Remedios and L. F. Souza; C. Marques, N. Beltrao and J. Pereira; T. Castilho, B. Gosano or A. Ward, A. V. Gosano, J. Gomes and A. Alves. Reserves:—L. Remedios, F. Santos and F. Marcal.

Ireland:—MacAllister (Navy); Sheehan (Middlesex) and Lawton (R.A.); Brogan (Navy), Land (R. Engineers) and Thomas (Middlesex); Martin (Service Corps), P. Jorge (Kowloon), Leonard (St. Joseph's), McDonald (Royal Scots) and Blount (Signals).

Reserves:—Calvert (R.A.), Drake (Middlesex), and Moore (Navy). China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-ho and Leo Ting-ang; Lau Hing-chol, Leung Wing-chui and Hau King-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-long (Capt.), Lai Shui-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves:—Pau Ka-ping, Hau Hong-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Lo Wai-kuen, Lou Wai-pui, Chow Man-chi, Leo Tak-kee, Lau Tau-man and Chan Tak-fai.

Scotland:—Duncan (Royal Scots); Blackburn (Police) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Brown (Royal Scots), Proctor (Royal Scots), Beaton (24th R.A.), Munro (Royal Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Royal Scots), Howlett (Police) and Tait (Middlesex). Reserves:—McHardy (Police), Harbin (Signals), Clarke (Royal Scots), Smith (Medicals), and Gilroy (Royal Scots). Players and reserves are to report to Captain Masterton-Smith, Royal Scots, at the Pavilion, not later than 5 p.m.

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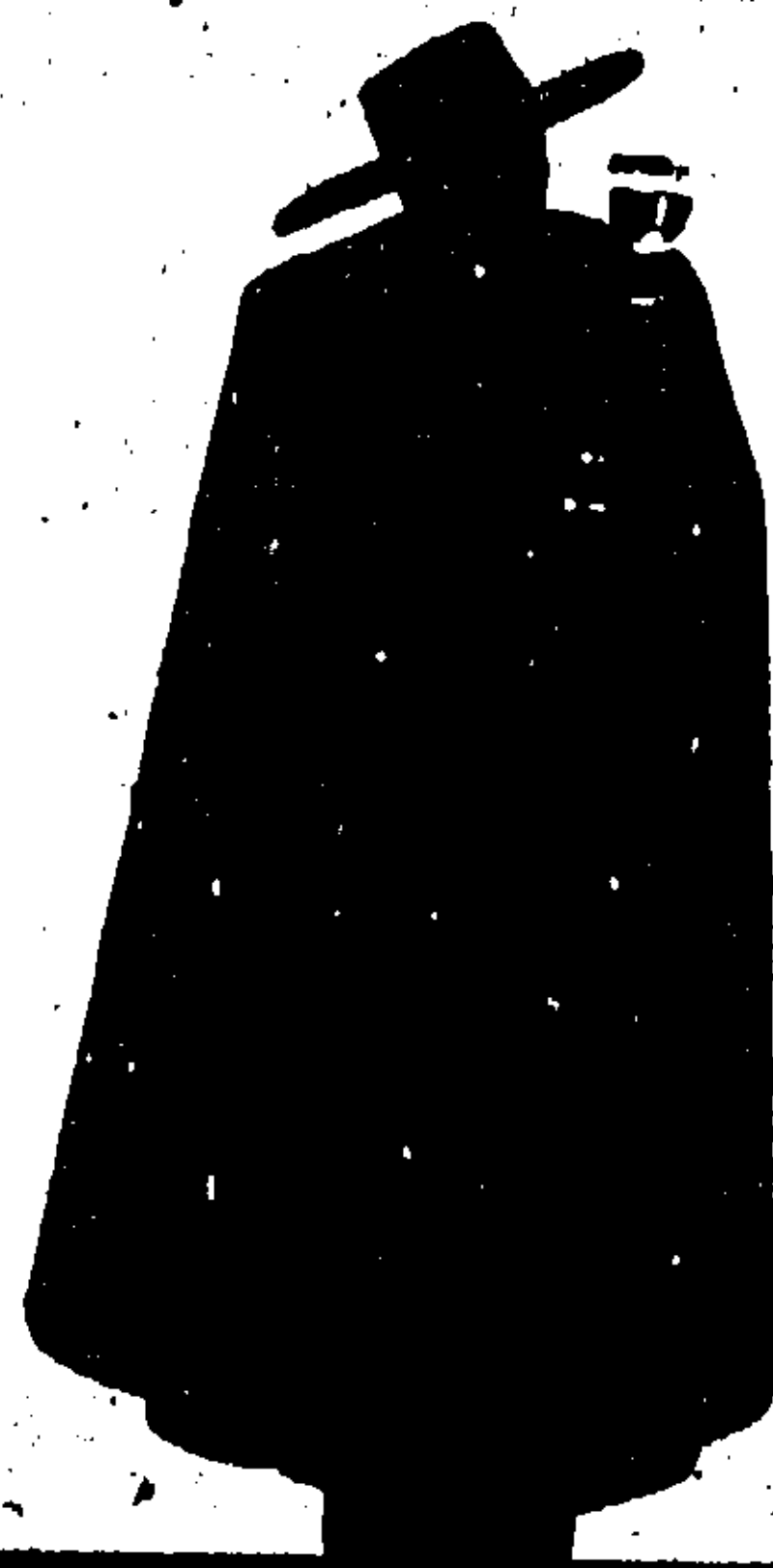
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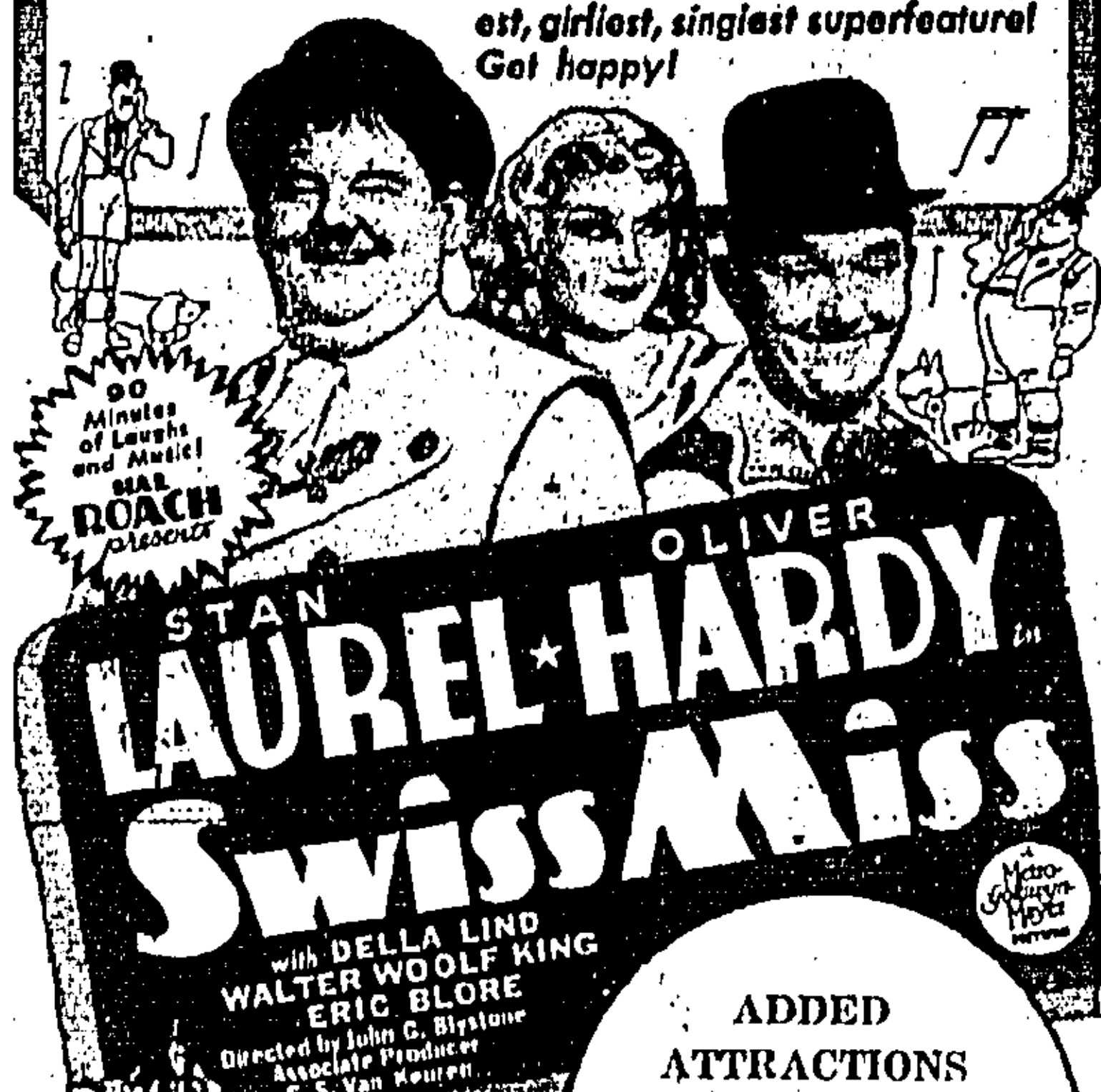


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ON THE AIR TO-NIGHT

## "Madam Butterfly" And Christmas Music

10-11 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from the Catholic Cathedral (Chinese).  
11 a.m.—12.15 p.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.15 p.m.—"Christmas Overture" and other Light Orchestral Numbers. Christmas—Overture (Coleridge-Taylor)....Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sr. Malcolm Sargent.  
Merrie England—Dances (German) Orchestra Raymond cond. by G. Walter.  
Victoria Regia (Kunneke); Waltz (from the Suite "The Wonder of the Flowers"—Kunneke).....Grand Symphony Orchestra.  
Paul Lincke Medley (Lincke)....Barnabas Von Geerzy & His Orch.  
Schubert Waltzes (Schubert)....Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.  
Stephanie Gavotte (Czibulka—arr. Alfondori)....Regal Virtuosi.  
Berceuse (Jarnett)....Orchestra Raymond.  
12.50 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).  
Peter Dawson's Christmas Party and His Friends.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Carols and Christmas Music.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1 p.m.—Ignaz Friedman at the Piano.  
Serenata (Moszkowski, Op. 15); Humoreske (Dvorak, Op. 101, No. 7); Invitation To The Dance (Weber, Op. 65).  
1.55 p.m.—Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III.  
2.30 p.m.—Close down.

Ernest Lush at the Piano. Gaudeamus Igitur (arr. Woodgate); Down in Demerara (arr. Mahlefeld); The Mermaid (arr. Woodgate); Ten Green Bottles (arr. Woodgate); Vilkins and his Dinah (arr. Woodgate); Poor Ned (Koeperle); Michael Finnigan, Old King Cole (arr. Wood); Uplidee (arr. Woodgate).  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.45 p.m.—Mark Weber & His Orchestra.  
Indra Waltz (from Overture "In the Realm of Indra"—Lincke); Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka); Polpourri Of Waltzes (Rebrecht).  
10 a.m.—London Relay—Christmas Songs and Carols.  
Gaula Waller and Vera Macconochie assisted by Eric Gritton.  
Welcome Yule (Gritton)....Gaula Waller and Vera Macconochie.  
We Saw Him Sleeping (Gritton)....Vera Macconochie.  
Holey (Shaw)....Gaula Waller.  
Songs for the Christmas Party: Oranges and Lemons (arr. Alwyn)....Gaula Waller and Vera Macconochie.  
See me Dance the Polka....Vera Macconochie.  
Dance Get Up and Bake Your Pies (arr. Moffat)....Gaula Waller and Vera Macconochie.  
The Christmas Tree (Cornallus)....Gaula Waller.  
Christmas Carols: Good King Wenceslas (arr. Alwyn); Carol of the Friendly Beasts (arr. Coleman and Jorgensen); The Wassail Song (arr. Shaw)....Gaula Waller and Vera Macconochie.  
10.20 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano).  
"Call of Bagdad"—Overture (Boieldieu)....Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schenck.  
One Alone ("The Desert Song"—Romberg); When You're Away ("The Only Girl"—Herbert)....Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
A World Of Romance....Gerald and His Sweet Music with vocal chorus.  
Parade In Waltz Time (film "Champagne Waltz"); Could I Be In Love? (film "Champagne Waltz")....Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.  
Parade Of The City Guards (Jes-); A Major's "Snuff" Box (Lindberg)....Orchestra Raymond.  
Merry Widow—Selection (Lehar)....Mark Weber & His Orch.  
You Will Remember Vienna (film "Viennese Nights"); I Bring A Love Song (film "Viennese Nights")....Richard Crooks (Tenor) assisted by Edna Kellogg with Orchestral accompaniment.  
"Tales of Hoffmann"—Potpourri (Offenbach)....Mark Weber & His Orchestra.  
Andante Religioso (Thome); Cradle Song Of The Virgin Mary (Reger)....Barnabas Von Geerzy & His Orchestra.  
11.20 p.m.—London Relay—Kynge Minstrelle. A Programme by the Waynes according to the ancient custom for Yuletide nighties. Arranged by Alfred Dunning. Produced by John Richmond.  
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# SOUTH CHINA REPEAT SENIOR SHIELD SUCCESS OVER MIDDLESEX

## Police Triumph Over South China "B"

### NAVY MUCH BETTER THAN ODD GOAL SUGGESTS

After a very fast and keenly contested game at Causeway Bay, in which the absence of the whistle for foul was very gratifying, Royal Navy beat Kwong Wah, by the odd goal in three. The Navy were definitely the superior side and only rank bad luck, coupled with heroic work on the part of the Kwong Wah defence, kept the score down.

Ten minutes after the start Navy took the lead, Thoburn giving Lee Kwok-kee no chance with a grand drive. Navy continued on the offensive, but grand work by the Kwong Wah defence kept them at bay for another 10 minutes, when, in a goal-mouth scrimmage, Armstrong met a dropping ball first time to place the Navy two up.

Kwong Wah now came into the picture and only sterling work by Bellis and Fisher, with some magnificent saves by McAllister, kept the Navy attack intact. Kwong Wah deservedly reduced the arrears just on half time when Chin Chi-fun, after tripping three defenders, beat McAllister all the way with a glorious shot. There was no scoring in the second half.

For Navy, McAllister, almost unrecognisable without his beard, played his usual grand game, some of his saves being truly magnificent. Bellis and Fisher were a grand pair of backs, the former playing exceptionally well. The real strength of the Navy, however, lay in their halves, Dixon excelling himself. In a good forward line Thoburn and Armstrong were outstanding as a wing combination, although Hunt and Betts were not far behind. Jones, the leader, was a very unselfish player and on one or two occasions he appeared to be in good positions for a shot on his own.

Kwong Wah were best served in defence, Lee Kwok-kee, although not quite as sound as McAllister, acquitted himself very creditably. Both full-backs were very safe, but in the second half, when the Navy were attacking strongly, their kicking was inclined to be a trifle wild. The halves were the weak link and could not subdue the opposing forwards. In a moderate forward line Chin Chi-fun and Wong King-cheung were prominent.

## MOSS CAPS FINE DISPLAY WITH WELL MERITED HAT TRICK

A SPLENDID match was witnessed at Boundary Street between Police and South China "B," three great goals in a whirlwind finish enabling Police to win. Moss is to be congratulated on notching two of the three goals, and he deserved his hat trick, the result of a sterling display.

The game opened with the Police taking up the offensive, with Moss prominent in early raids. South China then had a spell of attacking in which Chan Tak-fai shot wide when forced out on to the right wing. The same player a few moments later was inches too high with a strong drive from an oblique angle. End to end play followed and from a corner on the right Wong Mau-kwai sent behind. A free kick was then given in favour of the Police, and Howlett attempted to get his head to a high ball, but was snuffed by the South China backs. Brittain played a sound game at centre-half for the Police and lent splendid support to the attack.

After a scrimmage in the Chinese goal the Police scored through Moss who placed a shot wide of Tum Kwong-hon after 15 minutes.

On the resumption South China had more of the game, Chan Tak-fai being prominent with a number of hard drives which Atkin dealt with very coolly. The "B," however, continued to attack and were later awarded a penalty for hands against Blackburn, from which Lee Shek-yau made no mistake. This put new life into South China and they began to dominate play. Chan Tak-fai increased the "B" team tally and Yeung Shui-yick added a third.

Moss, playing a thrustful game at centre-forward, beat Tum Kwong-hon with a beautiful dropping shot to make it 2-3 and the same player completed his hat trick when he bundled the ball and the Chinese goalkeeper into the net. The Police team now made desperate efforts to score the winning goal, and from a free kick taken on the fringe of the penalty area Parker scored a glorious goal which completed the afternoon's scoring.

The Police were well served by Brittain who gave a sterling display in both attack and defence. Moss was outstanding in the forward line, while South China were best served by Chan Tak-fai and Cheu Kan-hung.

### SECOND DIVISION

#### ST. JOSEPH'S 3 CLUB 1

The Club turned up with eight men for this match and so it was decided to give the points to St. Joseph's. A friendly, however, was played with 10 players on each side and St. Joseph's were victorious by 3 goals to 1.

The above forfeiture of points is subject to the approval of Hong Kong Football Association.

### SOUTH CHINA BEAT MIDDLESEX

With both teams in the race for Championship honours a great game was seen at Sookunpoo, where Middlesex had to acknowledge defeat to South China by 3 goals to 1. The players were all out from the start and it was only the superior combination of the Chinese team that gained them victory. In the second period the soldiers re-organised their side in an effort to snatch a victory, but their hopes were doomed to disappointment.

At the commencement South China were one short, but the missing player soon arrived and the Chinese team settled down to attack strongly. After 10 minutes Ip Yua-po opened the scoring for South China.

After the interval Ip Yua-po sent South China further ahead by scoring twice. The Middlesex goal was scored by Haigh.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

### FIRST DIVISION

|                                |   |                                  |   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| St. Joseph's                   | 5 | Club                             | 3 |
| (Leonard J. Gomes, 2, (Hosono) |   | (Kwong, Fife, Fowler)            |   |
| Middlesex                      | 0 | S. China "A"                     | 2 |
|                                |   | (Lai Shui-wing, (Kwok Yung-ke)   |   |
| Police                         | 4 | S. China "B"                     | 3 |
| (Moss 2, Parker)               |   | (Chan Tak-fai, (Yeung Shui-yick) |   |
| Navy                           | 2 | Kwong Wah                        | 1 |
| (Armstrong, Thoburn)           |   | (Chin Chi-fun)                   |   |

### SECOND DIVISION

|                           |   |                    |   |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| *St. Joseph's             | 3 | Club               | 1 |
| (Points conceded by Club) |   |                    |   |
| Middlesex                 | 1 | South China        | 3 |
| (Haigh)                   |   | (Ip Yua-po 3)      |   |
| Police                    | 2 | R.A.O.C.           | 2 |
| (Gordon 2)                |   | (Munton, Emberson) |   |
| 5th A.A. Regt.            | 4 | Kwong Wah          | 0 |
| (Armstrong, Thoburn)      |   | (Chin Chi-fun)     |   |

### THIRD DIVISION "A"

|                   |   |           |   |
|-------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Royal Scots       | 3 | Electric  | 1 |
| (Gibbs, Bailey 2) |   | (Gardner) |   |

### THIRD DIVISION "B"

|                                        |   |                      |   |
|----------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| R.A.M.C.                               | 7 | Powhattan            | 0 |
| (Stanley 2, Pym 2, (Parker 2, Barclay) |   |                      |   |
| R. Engineers (E)                       | 0 | Signals              | 1 |
| (Richter)                              |   |                      |   |
| *24th Bty. R.A.                        | 1 | University           | 1 |
| (Postponed)                            |   |                      |   |
| R.A.F.                                 | 3 | Scutters W/T         | 2 |
| (Hartlett, Frost, (Brittlebank)        |   | (Stratford, Maynard) |   |
| Kumaon Rifles                          | 1 | A.S.A.               | 0 |
| (Brittlebank)                          |   | (Brittlebank)        |   |

### POLICE RECOVER

The Second Division encounter between Ordnance and Police at Boundary Street resulted in a hard and keenly fought game which ended in each side scoring two goals.

The Ordnance had several new players on view and they acquitted themselves very well. Boocock played well at outside-right whilst Vugniaux displayed some of his old form in the defence.

The soldiers kept the Police penned in their own half during the early stages and it came as no surprise when Munton scored with a hard drive. Emberson increased the soldiers' lead, and it looked as though they would emerge easy winners. A grand second half revival by the Police, however, resulted in Gordon obtaining two goals.

For the Police, Byrne, Gordon and Wall played well, while the soldiers were ably served by Rides, Vugniaux and Emberson.

KWONG WAH 0 5TH A.A. BDE 4

At Causeway Bay, 5th A.A. Brigade, Royal Artillery, beat Kwong Wah by four goals to nil. Although the Gunners fully deserved their win the margin flatters them. If Kwong Wah's forwards made full use of their opportunities they might have, at least, snatched a point.

Poole, the Gunners' custodian, played a sound game and he was ably supported by Corbin and May, full-backs, the kicking and tackling of the latter being outstanding. The intermediate trio played a grand game all round and gave the Kwong Wah attack little scope. Winstanley in the pivotal berth being a magnificent worker. Calvert and Coughlan, inside forwards, played a grand game and they kept the play open, giving numerous opportunities to their wingers, who played well.

Lam Ching-fong played a magnificent game in goal for Kwong Wah. Le Shue-ker, right full-back, was the finest defender on view while his partner, Tillery, was also sound. The

## THIS WEEK'S SOCCER CARD

The following is the local soccer programme this week:

TO-MORROW  
Sunday Herald Charity Cup (Semi-Final)

Portugal v Ireland  
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Ip.  
Linesmen:—Finch and Clark.

TUESDAY, 27TH DEC., 1936  
Sunday Herald Charity Cup (1st Round)

China v Scotland  
(Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Omar.  
Linesmen:—Stedman and Havelaar.

Second Division  
Kwong Wah v R.A.O.C.  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Gammie.  
South China v Royal Scots  
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

Referee:—Edward.  
Eastern v 5th R.A.  
(Club, 4 p.m.)

Referee:—Brothwell.  
Third Division "A"  
South China v 5th R.A.  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Barretto.  
R.A.S.C. v Kit Che  
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Farr.  
P.W.D. v 30th R.A.  
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Waldron.  
Third Division "B"  
Stonecutters v A.S.A.  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Smith.

## Watson Plays At Centre-Forward

## SOLDIER FORWARDS LEAVE SHOOTING BOOTS IN BARRACKS CLEAN & SPORTING GAME

ALTHOUGH fielding a weakened team, Middlesex put up a gallant fight in their encounter with South China "A" at Sookunpoo yesterday, and had they had any luck they might well have avenged their Senior Shield defeat a fortnight ago. As it was the Chinese ran out winners by two goals to nil.

sterling work of Wilford in the R.E. Sappers from a huge deficit, the final score being only one goal to nil in favour of the Signals.

The only goal came in the second half from Fitcher, who received the ball from Parry and scored with a splendid shot from the right wing.

The Signals were best served by Marden and Hutchinson, whilst Wilford and Box are to be commended for their fine display for the Sappers.

### PENALTY MISSED AND R.A.F. WIN

At Prince Edward Road, R.A.F. beat Stonecutters by 3 goals to 2.

R.A.F. were slow to settle down and allowed Stonecutters to take the lead through Garfield. They drew level, however, when Brittlebank scored and within a minute Bartlett added another.

After the interval Froud scored the final goal for R.A.F. with a powerful shot, but the snailers returned to the attack and reduced the deficit through Maynard.

Before the close of play a sensation was caused when, with a goal cutters' right-back, missed a penalty.

KUMAON RIFLES 1 A.S.A. 0

At Prince Edward Road, Kumaon Rifles beat A.S.A. by the only goal of the match.

Kumaons were on top throughout, their keen marking seldom allowing their opponents any scope. Little was seen of the A.S.A. attack, which was starved by the Kumaon line, and on the few occasions when the forwards were in possession they showed a complete lack of combination and marksmanship. Kumaons, on the other hand, seized every opportunity offered and bombarded the A.S.A. goal time and again. Thompson, A.S.A. left-back, was a stout defender, quick to tackle and possessing a strong kick, and it was only from his clearances that the A.S.A. forwards were able to secure possession.

The outstanding player of the match was Krishna Singh, inside-left for Kumaons, the only goal of the match coming from him in the early stages.

South China's second goal came in the second half, when Lai Shui-wing gave Kwok Yung-ke a good pass and the inside left drove a hard shot into the top right hand corner of the net, giving Jackson no chance of saving.

## GOSANO BELTRAO AND REMEDIOS IN SAINTS' XI

Playing faster and more accurately football St. Joseph's defeated the Club by 5 goals to 3 at the Valley.

The Club fielded a greatly weakened team, being without such stalwarts as Coles, S. Strange, Skinner, and Forrow, but they put up a great fight against the improved St. Joseph's team, who started in determined fashion and scored two quick goals.

Keown and E. Strange put all they knew into defence, but proved a no match for the fast-moving St. Joseph's forwards. The Club halves were also well beaten by the accurate passing of the Saints, and even Bickford, in the unusual position of centre-half, was completely out of the picture. Thus, with the defenders eclipsed, the forwards saw very little of the ball and were always fighting an uphill battle. Duddridge did his best to get the ball up to Fowler, but got precious little support. Bulpin also tried hard to no avail. In the centre, Fowler always worried the Saints' defence when in possession.

St. Joseph's were a well-balanced side. The defence did all that was required, but appeared a bit panicky when Fowler got the ball. Beltrao was outstanding as a cool constructive centre-half, whilst Woo and

Remedios ably supported their forwards. There was no outstanding forward as the whole five played together with delightful understanding and accuracy.

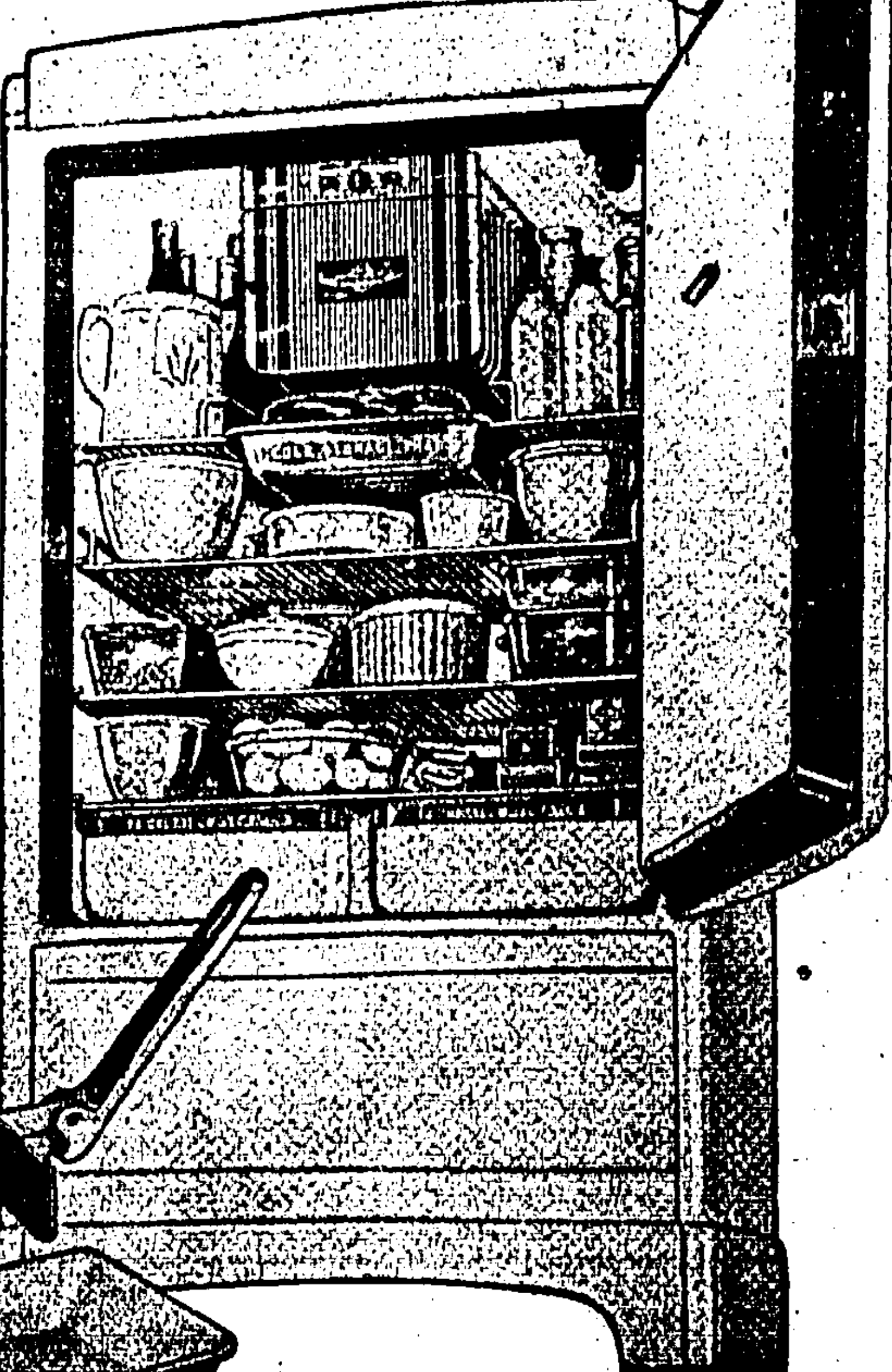
The Saints went ahead through good work by Leonard. Within a minute of the kick the Saints went further ahead through Leonard, who lobbed the ball over the head of the advancing custodian. The Club then unexpectedly broke away on the right and Pile received the ball close in to net easily. Stung by this reverse St. Joseph's were once more on the offensive and quickly added another goal through Gomes, who nodded from a clever pass by Leonard. After a period of desultory play Leonard placed the Saints further ahead. The Club again broke through on the right and Fowler was fouled in the penalty area by Souza, Keown netting from the resultant spot kick.

After the interval the Club did better, but the Saints were still masters of the situation. Gomes scored the final goal for the Saints from a scrimmage and Fowler replied for the Club from a free kick which was taken three times before the referee was satisfied that all was in order. Fowler missed with the first two

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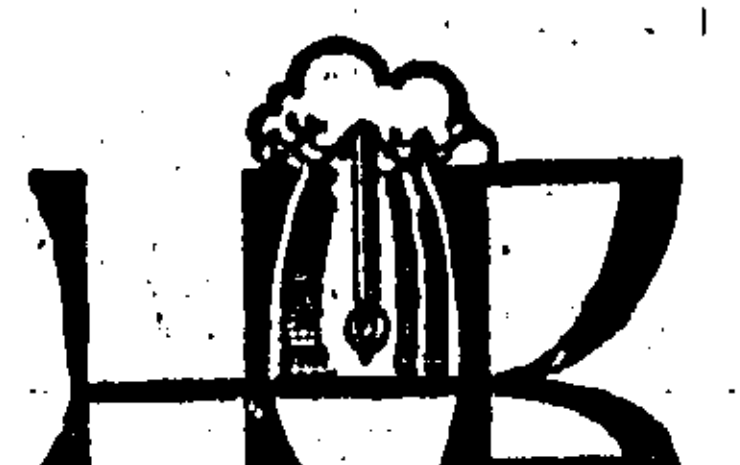
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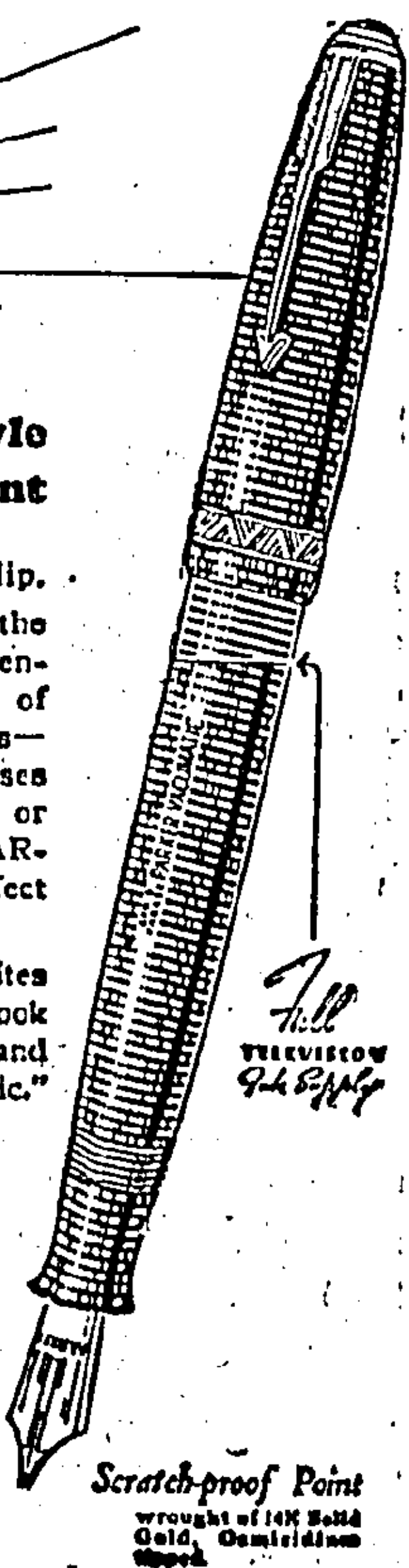


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# The Christmas Spirit

**F**ORGOTTEN and unnoticed by the hurrying throng of people that bumped their Christmas parcels against him, he stood in the gutter. With hands tucked Chinese fashion inside the mud splattered sleeves of his scarlet gown, his eyes, watering with the cold, stared with pathetic intensity at the coloured lights of the great store before him.

About this man's chin hung a cotton-wool beard and a moustache of the same substance adorned his upper lip. This disguise, however, combined with the much soiled gown, broken boots and ridiculous, conical shaped cap, would not have deceived the most credulous of children—He was not fat, and he was not jolly; on the contrary he was tall and very thin, and looked as though he had never smiled or eaten a decent meal in his life. Now and again, he would uncover his hands, blow upon his fingers, and pipe in a voice as thin as his person.

"Ere you are then—'Av'er a dip in Santa Claus' lucky sack—only sixpence—ere you are then."

And sometimes he would bend his long body, and plunging a hand into the interior of a sack that rested at his feet, he would withdraw some small object wrapped in gaily coloured paper, and holding it out as far as he dared, he would open his mouth to say something and then shut it again with a sort of hopeless look that was made even more pathetic by his absurd costume.

Once a small girl, clinging lightly to a lady's hand and pointing to the abject figure in the gutter, exclaimed:

"Mummy, look at that man, dressed as Santa Claus, can I give him a penny?"

"Ere you are young lady," said Santa Claus, "only sixpence."

He withdrew his hands and blew upon them again, and stooping down fumbled inside the sack—

"Come along Joan," said the lady who was very well dressed in a fur coat, and carried many parcels in her arms, "We'll see a real Santa Claus in a minute, after we've got rid of these parcels and Daddy brings the car round."

They walked away—and shivering slightly; for it was really cold now. He slapped his hands on his thighs, and stamped his feet, which had suddenly gone numb—and his teeth were chattering. Somebody on his right was playing carols on a mouth organ, and another on his left was singing in a weak and shivering voice—

"God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing ye dismay—"

and the great river of Christmas shoppers surged by chattering and laughing. In the street behind overloaded trams, and surfeited buses and cars, like overfed animals crawled along—coloured lights transformed the drab pavements into beautiful mosaic and everywhere was heard—

"A merry Xmas," and except for those who stood with him in the gutter, there was a smile on every face, and a cheerful word on everyone's lips. Suddenly a sandwich man, hands plunged deep into the pockets of his thin great coat, stopped before the scarlet gown, bewhiskered figure of "Santa Claus," and lighting a cigarette, said—

"How's business, matey?"

"No good."

"Have a fag?"

"Thanks."

"A Merry Xmas!" said the sandwich man, shuffling away—

"Same to you!" the other replied.

"Ah!" exclaimed a pleasant voice suddenly, "Are you the Spirit of Xmas my friend?"

Standing on the pavement and staring at him fixedly was a short, plump, rosy-cheeked gentleman of middle age, dressed in a warm-looking blue overcoat, and wearing a bowler hat set at a jaunty angle upon his head. In his right hand he carried his gloves and a black silver-headed walking stick while his left hand pointed straight at the somewhat startled figure in the gutter, almost as if he were accusing that worthy of daring to impersonate the shade of St. Nicholas. But his grey eyes were twinkling, and as he stood there he looked like one of the brothers Cheeryble stepped straight from "Nicholas Nickle-

"I dunno," mumbled Santa Claus. "Are you cold?"

"Yes."

"And hungry?"

"Yes."

"Are you miserable?"

Never having had to answer such a question before and completely at a loss as to how to answer the last one, the vendor stared up and down the street as if seeking a way of escape.

"I don't know."

"But are you?" persisted the other lowering his hand, and placing it in his overcoat pocket. Several people cast curious glances at the old gentleman. They probably thought he was a detective or a police official questioning the shabby looking Santa Claus as to the existence of a vendor's license.

"Do you want a job?" asked the old gentleman.

"I could do with one," said the other, who already hated his soiled costume, and longed to tear the discoloured cotton wool from his face. If it was shovelling snow—that would do him. It would mean a few shillings, and perhaps a glass of beer. He withdrew his hands from the gaping

sleeves and blew upon his fingers again.

"What about this?" he asked, indicating the sack.

"Bring it along—and follow me."

Having said this he turned on his heel, and commenced forcing his way among the crowd. Bewildered, and thinking the other slightly mad, the vendor picked up his sack, and slinging it over his shoulder followed the tubby figure, who had now come to a halt on the curb and was looking up and down the street as if expecting someone. Suddenly, as if from nowhere, a long shining car drew smoothly along side the pavement and a chauffeur in a smart blue uniform alighted and throwing open the side door touched his cap respectfully as the old gentleman approached.

"Ah! Dickenson," said the latter, turning and indicating "Santa Claus" who hesitating stood some few paces away.

"I have found him at last, what do you think of him?"

Dickenson stared superciliously at Santa Claus, and, raising his eyebrows, said, "He ain't very clean, sir."

"He'll do," said the old gentleman cheerfully, "With a wash and brush up, he'll do famously—Here," he beckoned to the shivering figure, "Get in beside my chauffeur."

"Dickenson, drive home! We're late already."

Dickenson sniffed with disgust, but nevertheless waited until his nervous passenger had placed himself in the car resting the sack upon his knees.

The journey was a long one. Leaving the town behind they bowled along a country road. Fine snow had begun to fall. The soft white feathers as if shaken from the wings of angels fluttered against the windscreen, fluttering gracefully to the road-side, and flecking the crooked black arms of the trees that stood like frozen ghosts in the fields, where already nature was laying down her white carpet. The street vendor stared out of the frosty window and thought—

"Blimey—I must be dreaming!"

Suddenly the car turned sharply into a large gateway and slid noiselessly up the snow-covered drive. Then he saw a large house, whose many eyes shone brightly with lights, and he could hear strains of music floating out from what was surely the largest house he had ever seen. He heard the sounds of merry laughter and young voices singing, with a will, a carol he knew well.

"Good King Wenceslas last looked out

On the feast of Stephen—

And the snow lay round about

Deep and crisp and even—

"Here we are," said the old gentleman gaily, alighting, "Dickenson, take Santa Claus inside, give him something to eat, and later I'll tell him what I want him to do."

Dickenson, now resigned, and knowing and secretly admiring his master's eccentricities nodded to his charge to follow, and, their boots crunching over the snow,



they walked round the building, the vendor his sack upon his back, and his ridiculous cap over one ear, also resigned, and yet hardly believing that it was all real. Now they were standing before a side door and the chauffeur banged upon the panels.

"Hungry?" he asked, his chauffeur melting at the prospect of a warm supper, beer, and a merry evening with his wife and children in the cottage that stood like a grey sentinel by the main gate.

"Yes, sir," said the other humbly, bowed by the uniform and his companion's grand manner.

"There's plenty inside," said Dickenson, "There's always plenty on Xmas Eve."

Suddenly the door opened and a dark pretty face, graced by a trim lace cap, stared in some astonishment at the strange figure

stare with one of dumb admiration. And then he looked away. He was not by nature a shy man, but this was too much for him. He swallowed painfully and al-

most wished that he was back on his old stand in the gutter again.

"The old man's found a Santa Claus for the evening, Mary," said Dickenson, entering, and motioning the other to follow.

"He says we're to give him a meal—as he won't want the car any more to-night—I'm off—A merry Xmas, my dear!"

"A merry Christmas, Mr. Dickenson!" said the girl in a faint voice, still gazing at the discomfited visitor, who with his sack upon his back, and his thin figure, shrouded in his long sloping gown, presented a curious appearance.

"Sit down," she said at last, when the chauffeur had gone, "Or would you like a wash and take that costume off before you have supper?"

"I—I," he stammered, reddening beneath the cotton wool.

Suddenly she smiled and, turning, called for "Mr. Wallace." At the summons a fat and important-looking man of forty or there-

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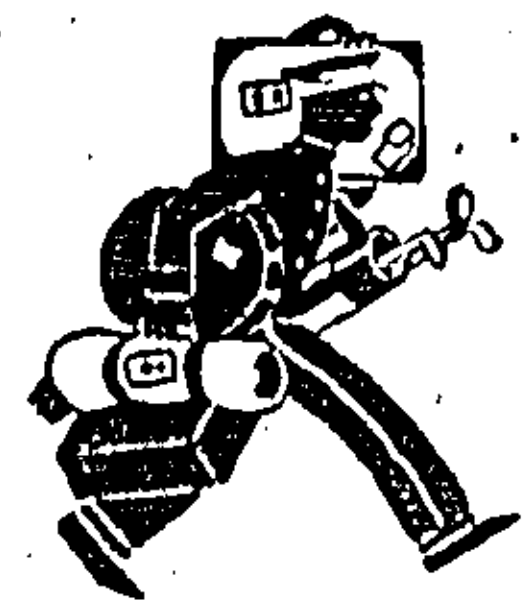
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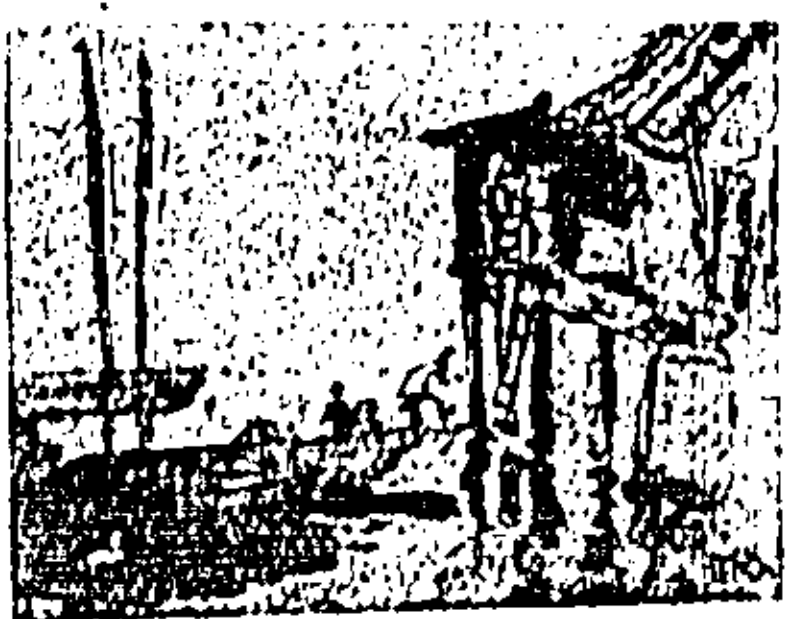
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"I'm very sorry, Mr. Snoop," was the reply, "but the Prime Minister can see no one."

"But it's very important," said our super-newsman.

"I'm sorry, but the Prime Minister is engaged on business of State of the utmost importance, and cannot be disturbed. Can I help you in any way?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I've got a new kind of trout fly in which I thought Mr. Chamberlain might be interested."

"Why didn't you say so before? Come in. Second door on the left. You'll find Mr. Chamberlain there."

The crinoline is coming into fashion again. This is, I hear, to match the economic ideas of our rulers. "Why should the men have all the picturesque old period styles?" said one of the many beautiful, smartly-dressed women I know to me yesterday.

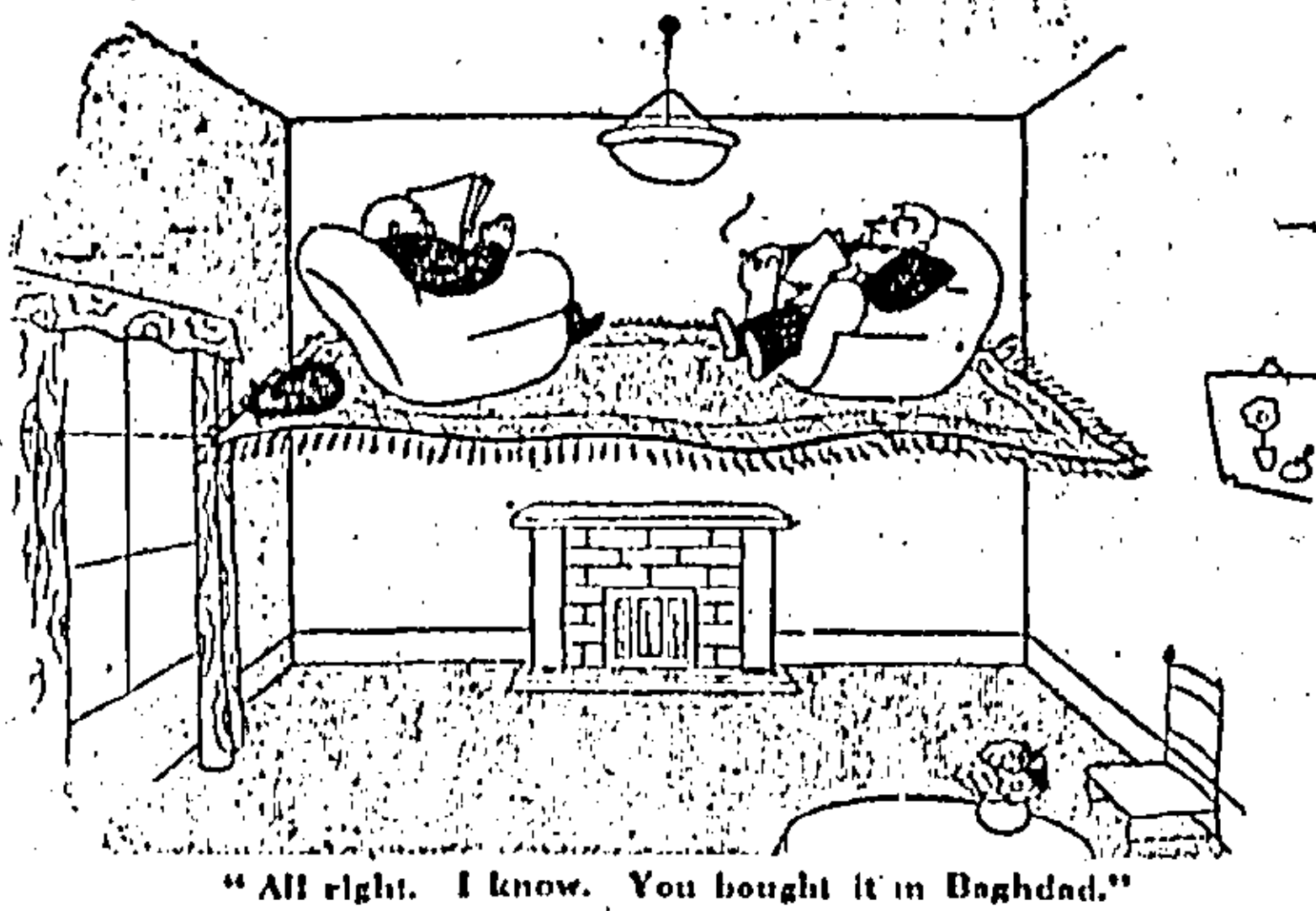
The proposal that our economists should wear Victorian whippers to suit their principles has so far met with no response.

Referring to the President of the Board of Trade, a political correspondent writes that "his brain is first class."

That is true of many of our statesmen, I believe most of them have quite good brains. The puzzle is where and when they use them. Crosswords? Chess? I don't know.

Middlesex County Council has now got a by-law prohibiting roller-skating in the streets.

It is about thirty years since Mr. Winston Churchill, then a Liberal Home Secretary (how that lad gets about), made it legal for



"All right. I know. You bought it in Baghdad."

children to roller-skate on the by bulls, and have appealed for public streets.

The Recording Angel made a note of the fact, and Mr. Churchill will go down to history as the statesman who did something for the people besides tax them. It is not his fault that Progress has since robbed the juvenile citizens of The Freedom of the City.

Postmen in lonely parts of Scotland have complained to their Union of being frequently chased

## The Christmas Spirit

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abouts puffed his way into the little room and, wiping his hands upon a large silk handkerchief, demanded what she wanted, in a rich fruity voice.

"Would you show Mr.—Mr.—" "Rogers," supplied the vendor, nervously glancing about the room.

"Mr. Rogers where he can have a wash and tidy up?"

"Oh," said Mr. Wallace, stowing away the handkerchief in a hip pocket. "The master's told me about you—I'm the butler."

He said this in a tone which suggested that what he did know was not to the other's advantage—"Come with me my man—and we'll see what can be done."

And a great deal was done.

Rogers, as we shall now call him, was washed; deprived of his whiskers and robe, supplied with a lounge jacket, and being led to the table by Mr. Wallace, did full justice to the excellent food placed before him. He was given a bottle of beer, and the little room being warm and cosy, and hung with holly and mistletoe, he felt a strange transformation come over him. His shyness left him and he began to answer the questions put to him by an interested audience of Mary, the parlour maid, Mrs. Simpson, the rosy-cheeked cook, the butler, whenever he happened to be present, because, being a butler, he was, to use his own expression, constantly "on the go"—and Archie, the lugubrious-looking gardener, who stared at the newcomer with moody suspicious eyes that seemed to say—"Watch this bird—He's after the spoons!"

"Have you always been a Santa Claus?" asked the parlour maid, who was surprised to see how young and presentable this former piece of human wreckage now appeared, deprived of his bizarre clothing, and regaled with food and wine.

"I bet not," said the gardener, in a sepulchral voice.

"I've kicked around," answered Rogers, pulling at a cigar that Mr. Wallace, in a fit of Christmas goodwill, had bestowed upon him.

"I bet you have," said the gardener again.

The party at this moment was interrupted by the arrival of the merry old gentleman himself.

"Oh," he began, looking more like a Cheeryble brother than ever. "Feeling better eh? That's right! Now I'll tell you what I want you to do."

And a quarter of an hour later, in the large drawing room, some two dozen children, tired and breathless from playing "Postman's Knock", and "Blind Man's Buff", lay about on sofas and chairs, their faces flushed, their hair disarranged and frocks and suits crumpled—their eyes shining as they gazed in fascination at the huge Christmas tree, that whirled at them with a hundred eyes, brighter than their own, and at a real Santa Claus in a "frosted" red coat with white fur round the hem and cuffs and large glossy boots upon his feet. He was not perhaps a fat or a particularly jolly Santa Claus—but there was something nice about him. He looked kind and gentle—and at his feet was a sack—and there he stood, his hands tucked inside the wide sleeves of his long gown, waiting for the word when the lights should be dimmed, and he would distribute from the tree, its gorgeous "fruits" according to the neat white labels attached to each article.

And what a tree! Oh what

glory! What magnificence hung from every little feathery hand! Everything a child could wish for, shining oranges, and rosy apples, boxes of sweets, jewels brighter than ever sparkled in the crown of a King. And Father Christmas' own sack would be a lucky dip, the old gentleman explained. Each would come up in turn and help him or herself to the "delightful mysteries" it contained.

"Thank you, Rogers," said the old gentleman when the last child had been ushered to the door by Wallace the butler and Mary the parlourmaid, each bearing in a small hand the gifts of Christmas, and in their hearts the greatest gift of all, Happiness.

"Thank you, Rogers," said the old gentleman again. "You did well, I always have a children's party every year."

Rogers swallowed with difficulty. "I'm dreaming, sir," he said at last. "I know it. It can't be real."

"Come," protested the other, smiling. "It was quite a small thing I asked you to do: act as Santa Claus to a poor children's party—I had to get somebody, you know."

"You ain't a man," blurted out Rogers, suddenly. "You're a Saint, and I don't want nothing for doing this—I've had all I want."

"Nonsense—nonsense," laughed the other, feeling in his pocket and producing a note case.

"Here take this—you've earned it—and a Merry Christmas."

Back in the kitchen, his empty sack upon his shoulder and still wearing the butler's lounge coat—a Christmas present from that worthy—he stood at the door, and said good-bye to them all. Even the gardener muttered a surly "So long a merry Christmas!" they cried.

"Same to you," he answered. Then he heard a laugh, and turning round saw the cook, hands on hips, shaking with merriment.

"You're very slow for a young man," she said.

Not understanding what she meant, he paused with his hand upon the latch—and then saw the parlour maid standing under a spray of mistletoe hanging from the ceiling, the pearl-coloured berries gleaming in the subdued light.

"Don't you know what mistletoe's for?" asked the cook.

He dropped the sack and stumbled awkwardly towards the smiling girl, and kissed her lightly on the lips, and then, blushing and confused, turned to go.

"Where you off, now," said the cook.

"I dunno," he mumbled. "Where do you live?"

"Anywhere."

At that moment the door opened and the butler puffed into the room.

"Where's Rogers," he inquired. "Here," said Rogers huskily.

"The master wants to know whether you'd like to go in the morning or stay a few days and help Stiggins?" he indicated the melancholy gardener, who sat with his brooding gaze on the fire—"In the garden, there's a lot of work for one man these days with all the snow about and everything."

Rogers gazed about, at the holly on the walls, the white cloth on the table, at each in turn, and finally at the mistletoe and the rosy-cheeked, smiling girl who still stood beneath the green leaves.

"I'll stay," he said.



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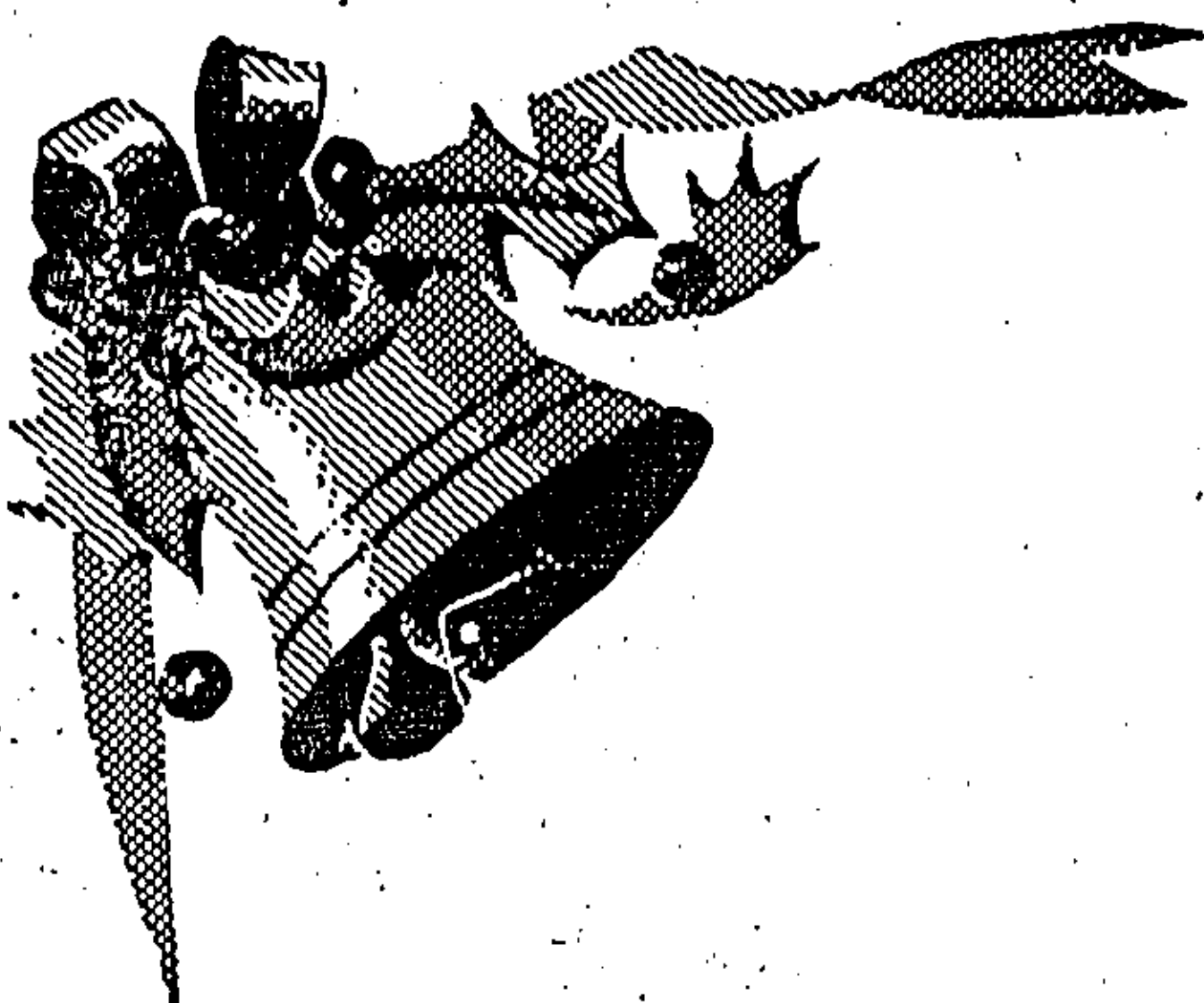
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The former Minister of Interior, the Catholic priest, Father Koroshetz, it is stated, not a candidate for the post of President of the newly elected Skupstina, owing to reasons of health.

It is believed in local circles that the future President will be the former Minister of Social Affairs and Health, M. Zvetkovich, who is a personal friend of Father Koroshetz.

The latter is generally regarded as a possible mediator between the Stojanovich Cabinet and the Croat-Trans-Ocean.

### A Trip To-day On The Desolate Yangtse

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY. The British River Gunboats, Mantis, Flying Rear-Admiral Holt's Flag, Gnat, Peterel and Tern, and the U.S.S. Gunboat Guam, which left Hankow on Monday escorted as far as Wuhu by three Japanese mine-sweepers, have arrived here.

Accommodated in the British gunboats were 110 blue-jackets of the reserve force, together with nearly a score of civilians. The British gunboats were the first British naval vessels to navigate the Yangtse since the flagship, H.M.S. Bee, left for Shanghai on Dec. 11 last year.

At Kiukiang, the convoy picked up H.M.S. Cockchafer and the U.S.S. Monocacy, both of which have been isolated for the past six months.

H. M. Gnat is now stationed at Wuhu, while H.M.S. Tern has relieved H.M.S. Scarab at Nanking. Scarab will take up guard duties below the barrier.

#### DERELICT SHIPS

Both banks of the Yangtse from Hankow to Kiukiang present a desolate appearance, with deserted villages and shell-scarred buildings clearly visible from the gunboats.

A pile of deserted and derelict vessels is piled up on either bank.

An unprecedented number of steamers are at present plying the Yangtse, while Kiukiang, Wuhu and Nanking resemble large harbours, more than fifty ships, presumably transports or supply ships, are anchored in each port, where countless launches are bustling to and fro.

Between Hankow and Wuhu, Ja-

#### DEATH

YOUNG. Suddenly at War Memorial Hospital on 24th December, 1938, Robert Fleming Young, Engineer Chinese Maritime Customs and beloved husband of Olive Young, of 10c Carnarvon Road, Kowloon. Funeral service will be held at Colonial Cemetery Chapel, Happy Valley, at 4 p.m. Monday, 26th December. Friends wishing to attend please meet at the Chapel.

### EDRICH FAILS AGAIN

Johannesburg, Yesterday.  
The M.C.C. touring eleven made a fine start in the first Test Match against South Africa today, and at tea had scored 227 for the loss of only two wickets.

Batting honours in the English innings went to the North Country, Ernie Paynter, of Lancashire, playing one of his most aggressive knocks for a brilliant century, and P. A. Gibb, the Yorkshire amateur, being undefeated with 79.

These two added 184 for the second wicket after Edrich had been dismissed with only four runs on the board.

There was an attendance of 3,000 this morning, the day being cloudy and cool. Yesterday's heavy downpour had no effect on the wicket, which rolled off fastish, though the outfield was wet.

Walter Hammond, the England skipper, won the toss and elected to bat. Edrich and P. A. Gibb, the Yorkshire amateur, opened the innings.

#### INAUSPICIOUS START

Edrich, the young Middlesex bat, who was a failure against Australia in the last Test series and who is now being given his last chance for England, made an inauspicious debut in Test cricket in South Africa.

He edged the fifth ball of Davies' first over, an out-swing, into the slips, when only four (4 for 1).

Davies was sending them down fast, and swinging considerably, with an occasional rising ball.

#### PAYNTER'S ESCAPE

Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, joined Gibb, and the two remained unseparated at lunch, when the score was 98 for one wicket. Gibb at this stage had scored 33 and Paynter 56.

Paynter was almost bowled by an in-swing from Langton, but after this both batsmen were very steady.

The attendance increased to 10,000 after lunch.

Paynter, with a straight drive off Davies, sent up the 100 after 112 minutes.

#### GIBB SUBDUED

Gibb reached his 50 in 156 minutes. The Yorkshire amateur found runs very hard to get until the appearance of Bond, a medium-paced bowler, whom he severely punished.

Paynter reached his century in 157 minutes, but seventeen runs later, in attempting to square-cut, chopped a ball from Mitchell on to his wicket. (188 for 2).

The Lancastrian had played a brilliant and aggressive innings after an uncertain start. In his century, which occupied 174 minutes, he hit one 6 (off Mitchell) and eight 4's.

#### HAMMOND STARTS WELL

The England skipper was next in, and by ten had helped Gibb to add 39, when the score was 227 for two wickets. Gibb was then 79 and Hammond 21.

H.M.S. Cockchafer picked up three missionaries at Anking, Mr. and Mrs. Mair and Miss Myers.

The Japanese commander signalled a farewell message to Rear-Admiral Holt at Wuhu, whereafter the gunboats steamed on alone.

The scene of the Panay bombing was passed on Thursday afternoon, the flotilla arriving at Nanking at 4 p.m. and were given a very warm reception from the small British community.

After a very quiet journey the sailors and passengers were happy to arrive in Shanghai in time for Christmas.—Reuter.

#### ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Edrich, c Slips, b Davies | 4   |
| P. A. Gibb, not out       | 79  |
| Paynter, b Mitchell       | 117 |
| W. I. Hammond, not out    | 21  |
| Extras                    | 6   |
| Total (for 2 wickets)     | 227 |

Fall of wickets: 1 (Edrich) for 4; 2 (Paynter) for 188.

South Africa: Alan Melville (Capt.), Bruce Mitchell, Dudley Nourse, W. Wade, F. Viljoen, P. Vanderschyl, A. B. C. Langton, E. Q. Davies, E. L. Dalton, N. Gordon and G. Bond.

### SYNTHETIC RUBBER FOR GERMAN TYRES

Berlin, Yesterday.

According to the just published Year Book of the German Dye Trust, tyres for passenger motorcars as from the beginning of 1939 will be manufactured in Germany exclusively of "buna," the German-made rubber substitute.

Buna factories in 1939 are expected to meet at least one quarter to one-third of the entire German rubber demands.

The German Dye Trust plans for production of buna in Schkopau and Leverkusen are being greatly enlarged, and a number of additional factories are under construction in other places.

The Thiokol works in Saarau produce other rubber-like materials for special technical use. Simultaneously special buna treating machine tools are perfected in construction, giving buna even greater elasticity than natural rubber and at the same time cheapening the manufacturing process.—Trans-Ocean.

### SHEFFIELD SHIELD GAMES

Sydney, Yesterday.

Two Sheffield Shield matches were started to-day.

At Melbourne, Victoria are 64 ahead of New South Wales on the first innings, with seven wickets to fall.

New South Wales, batting first, were dismissed for 294, and Victoria at close of play had scored 348 for three wickets.

At Adelaide, South Australia are leading Queensland by 53 runs on the first innings, with eight wickets to fall.

Queensland were skittled out for 131, to which South Australia replied with 184 for two wickets.—Reuter.

### WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

All the churches in the Colony were crowded to overflowing last night for the Watch Night services.

Irish residents from every section of the community gathered together at St. Joseph's, where a deeply impressive High Mass was celebrated.

## VILLA AND SHEFFIELD LOSE AT HOME

London, Yesterday.  
The following are the results of League football matches played to-day:—

#### FIRST DIVISION

|               |   |               |   |
|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Aston Villa   | 0 | Grimsby       | 2 |
| Charlton      | 2 | Bolton        | 1 |
| Chelsea       | 4 | Liverpool     | 1 |
| Everton       | 4 | Blackpool     | 0 |
| Huddersfield  | 1 | Brentford     | 2 |
| Manchester U. | 1 | Middlesbrough | 1 |
| Portsmouth    | 0 | Arsenal       | 0 |
| Preston       | 2 | Leeds         | 0 |
| Stoke         | 1 | Leicester     | 0 |
| Sunderland    | 1 | Birmingham    | 0 |
| Wolves        | 0 | Derby         | 0 |

#### SECOND DIVISION

|              |   |               |   |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|
| Bradford     | 3 | Norwich       | 0 |
| Burnley      | 1 | Coventry      | 0 |
| Bury         | 2 | Wednesday     | 3 |
| Chesterfield | 3 | Millwall      | 0 |
| Luton        | 3 | West Brom.    | 1 |
| Plymouth     | 0 | Newcastle     | 1 |
| Sheffield U. | 0 | Notts F.      | 1 |
| Swansea      | 2 | Manchester C. | 1 |
| Tottenham    | 1 | Southampton   | 1 |
| Tranmere     | 1 | Blackburn     | 1 |
| West Ham     | 1 | Fulham        | 1 |

#### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

|              |   |             |   |
|--------------|---|-------------|---|
| Aldershot    | v | Port Vale   | 0 |
| Bristol C.   | 2 | Watford     | 0 |
| Crystal P.   | 3 | Bournemouth | 0 |
| Exeter       | 1 | Cardiff     | 1 |
| Mansfield    | 1 | Bristol R.  | 3 |
| Newport      | 2 | Clapton     | 1 |
| Northampton  | 4 | Torquay     | 1 |
| Notts C.     | 2 | Swindon     | 0 |
| Queen's P.R. | 2 | Reading     | 2 |
| Southend     | 0 | Ipwich      | 1 |
| Walsall      | 0 | Brighton    | 1 |

\* Postponed:  
† When abandoned after 40 minutes, snow.

#### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

|            |   |              |   |
|------------|---|--------------|---|
| Accrington | 1 | Halifax      | 2 |
| Barnsley   | 3 | Oldham       | 0 |
| Darlington | 0 | Bradford C.  | 4 |
| Gateshead  | 0 | Crewe        | 1 |
| Hartlepool | 2 | Carlisle     | 1 |
| Hull       | 3 | Chester      | 1 |
| Lincoln    | 1 | Barrow       | 1 |
| Rochdale   | 0 | Rotherham    | 1 |
| Stockport  | 1 | New Brighton | 1 |
| Wrexham    | 4 | Southport    | 1 |
| York       | 2 | Doncaster    | 1 |

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

|                |   |               |   |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| FIRST DIVISION |   |               |   |
| Aberdeen       | 3 | Celtic        | 1 |
| *Albion        | v | Ayr           | 1 |
| *Clyde         | v | Falkirk       | 1 |
| Hamilton       | 1 | Arbroath      | 1 |
| Hearts         | 5 | Partick       | 4 |
| *Kilmarnock    | v | Motherwell    | 1 |
| Queen's O'S    | v | Hibernian     | 1 |
| Queen's P.     | 2 | St. Johnstone | 6 |
| Raith          | 2 | Third Lanark  | 2 |
| *Rangers       | v | St. Mirren    | 1 |

\* Postponed.

#### SECOND DIVISION

|                |   |               |   |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Alloa          | 6 | St. Bernard's | 1 |
| Dunfermline    | 1 | Brechin       | 0 |
| *Dunfermline   | v | King's Park   | 1 |
| *East Stirling | v | Dumbarton     | 1 |
| *Edinburgh     | v | Forfar        | 1 |
| *Leith         | v | Cowdenbeath   | 1 |
| *Montrose      | v | Airdrie       | 1 |
| Morfon         | 0 | East Fife     | 1 |
| Stenhousemuir  | 1 | Dundee        | 1 |

\* Postponed owing to snow.  
[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

## STOP PRESS

Close of Play Scores:—

|                                  |     |               |
|----------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| England                          | 326 | for 6 wickets |
| Gibb, c Melville, b Mitchell     | 79  |               |
| Hammond, b Gordon                | 21  |               |
| Ames, c Waite, b Gordon          | 41  |               |
| Norman Yardley, c and b Mitchell | 7   |               |
| B. H. Valentine, not out         | 12  |               |
| Verity, not out                  | 19  |               |
| Extras                           | 6   |               |

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